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Entries herein have been arranged alphabetically by names of the denominations to which they pertain and chronologically under each denomination.

The following indexes are arranged.

- i. Alphabetically by names of churches or other religious organizations.
- ii. Alphabetically by names of towns where located.
- iii. Chronologically by dates of organization.

Space requirements have necessitated abbreviating some demoninational names, these being as follows:

Adventist	Advent.
American Rescue Workers	Am.R.W.
Assemblies of God	Assem. Of G.
Christian and Missionary Alliance	Chr. & Miss. All.
Church of Christ, Scientist	Chr.Sci.
Chruch of God in Christ	Ch.ofG.inC.
Church of Nazarene	Ch. Of Naz.
Congregational and Christian	Cong.
Disciples of Christ	Disc.ofC.
Eastern Orthodox	E.Ortho.
Latter Day Saints, Church of Jesus Christ	Mormon
Methodist Episcopal	ME
African ME	AME
African ME Zion	AMEZ
Union American ME	UAME
Reformed Union American ME	RUAME
Colored ME	CME
Methodist Protestant	MP
African Union MP	AUMP
Wesleyan Methodist	Wes. M.
Pentecostal	Pentecos.
Presbyterian	Presby.
Protestant Episcopal	PE
Reformed Church in America	Ref.Ch.
Reformed Episcopal	Ref.Ep.
Salvation Army	Sal.Army
Spiritualist	Spirit.
Swedenborgian	Swedborg.
Unitarian	Unitar.
Undemoninational	Undemon.

i. Alphabetical Index by Church Names

*Names marked with an astrisk are obsolete, most of threse organizations having since incorporated under a new name. The latter name will, of course, be found in the heading of any such entry.

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RELIGION IN DELAWARE

In spite of numerous changes of government during the period of early settlement, freedom of worship was never seriously threatened within the territory that forms the State of Delaware.

The first Christian religious services on this soil were probably informal ceremonies of the (Dutch) Reformed Church conducted in the whaling colony (Swanendael) planted at the site of the Lewes in 1631. It had been organized by the Dutch navigator, David Petersen de Vries of Hoorn for the company of Dutch patrons.

Similar services may have been held on the bay at Paradise Point where legend says the Swedes first landed on their way up the Delaware in the spring of 1638, and were undoubtedly held at the site of Wilmington where they made final landing. The leader of the expedition, Peter Minuit, of French Walloon extraction was a man of deep religious feeling who had been either a deacon of the Dutch or an elder of the French Protestant church at Wesel, in the Duchy of Cleves, his home town on the Rhine, and had been an elder of the Dutch Reformed church in Amsterdam, while he was governor of New Netherland. Because he was now in Swedish service and at least a part of his soldiers were Swedes, ceremonies of the Swedish Lutheran Church must also have been conducted. With the arrival of the second expedition the Swedish Lutheran Church was firmly established on the Delaware.

Although the companies which promoted the colonizing of New Sweden were chiefly commercial in purpose, opportunity for the spread of the Gospel had been among the original considerations that appealed to leaders in Sweden. When the Swedes surrendered to the Dutch in 1655, the terms concluded between Governor Johan Rising and Director-General Peter Stuyvesant of New Netherland included permission to continue worship according to their own faith. And this promise was kept, although the Swedish Lutherans in New Amsterdam during the same period suffered from the persecution of Stuyvesant.

At the time of the Dutch conquest, a reader of the Dutch Reformed faith was appointed to serve at Fort Casimir (New Castle) and a church was organized in that settlement then called New Amstel, in 1657, after the region about the fort had come into possession of the city of Amsterdam. That year, a house on the southeast side of the Market Place was made into a small wooden church.

Upon surrender of the Delaware River territory to the English Duke of York in 1664, the articles of capitulation provided for liberty of conscience in church discipline, as formerly.

The Dutch church at New Castle may have continued well into the last decade of the century, but dwindled in importance as the population became predominantly English. Although no extant records are available the presumption would be that it became defunct, but a creedal similarity and the experiences undergone by other Dutch Reformed churches would indicate that the congregation might have formed the nucleus for a later Presbyterian church.

The Swedish church at Fort Christina (Wilmington) lost importance when the capital of New Sweden was moved up the river by Governor Johan Pritz in 1643. But in 1667 a new church of this denomination was built at Crane Hook south of Christina to accommodate Lutherans on this section of the river, including New Castle. This congregation in 1698-99 built a larger church on a site overlooking Fort Christina. It is now the Protestant Episcopal Holy Trinity Church (Old Swedes).

Grant of this territory to William Penn assured a continuance of religious toleration. As a member of the Religious Society of Friends he had been subject to persecution and had dreamed of a sanctuary, where each man might freely worship God according to his own conscience.

Congregations of the Dutch Reformed, Swedish Lutheran, Baptist, Friends, Presbyterian, and Episcopal faiths developed rapidly, in addition to small groups of Catholic and a few Jewish families.

Religious tolerance was continued when the Assembly of the counties that became Delaware separated from that Province of Pennsylvania in 1704. But in the colonial period there were limitations of religious tolerance statutory and otherwise in regard to officeholding. For a time, the required oath of county officials included not only a statement of belief in Christian tenets but also a declaration that the services of the church of Rome "are superstitious and idolatrous." These seeds of bigotry did not grow, and at the time of the Revolution the tradition of religious freedom was reflected in a bill of rights drafted by the conventions that formed the State, and was incorporated in the Constitution.

In such an atmosphere it is but natural that religious organizations of Negroes should get an early start. There were many freedmen in Delaware and even the slaves were customarily permitted by their masters to attend religious services, sometimes sitting the gallery of the "white folks' church" and sometimes meeting in their homes, or, in good weather, outdoors. Such meetings were conducted by lay preachers or occasionally by traveling evangelists. "Black Harry," the colored servant of Francis Asbury, is said to have preached effectively to both white and colored audiences. The earliest record of his preaching is May 13, 1781. There is also a record of Richard Allen, a colored minister, having preached in Wilmington as early as September 13, 1783.

The first organized colored congregation and the first to have its own church building was Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, established in Wilmington, in 1805. This organization was formed under the auspices of Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1813 some members withdrew under the leadership of Peter Spencer and organized the Union Church of African Members, which became the mother church of the African Union Methodist Protestant denomination.

It is said to have been the first church in the United States organized and controlled entirely by Negroes. Its present church building stands over the grave of Peter Spencer, a fitting monument.

The church has always been an object of special solicitude on the part of the government, in Delaware. During the pioneer days of the Swedes, nearly all of the white inhabitants were servants of the Swedish West India Company. Therefore such churches as they built were erected by order of the commanding officer. The instructions given to Johan Printz, when leaving Sweden to take charge of the colony, were to "promote piety" and to "maintain the public worship conformably to the doctrines and rights of the national church."

That the interest of the Swedish government in the spiritual affairs of the colony was more than perfunctory, is shown by the support given the Swedish Lutheran churches long after the territory had passed to English control. The Swedish Mission in America formed under government auspices in 1696 supplied ministers to the Swedish churches in America for almost a century.

The tenure of the Dutch was so brief that but one small church was founded, this being in New Amstel (New Castle). This colony under the City of Amsterdam, Holland, was supplied with a schoolmaster whose duties included the reading of the scriptures. A few months afterwards a minister was sent. Services were continued even after the colony had been lost to the Dutch.

Under the English the lay readers and the ordained clergymen of the Dutch church were supported by voluntary subscriptions. This seems to have been the usual procedure, but such collections very commonly proving inadequate, they were supplemented by grants of land or other assistance. Aid seems to have been given by the court without regard to denomination.

The court in New Castle on November 5, 1678 (Duke of York's period) ordered John Moll and Peter Alrichs to raise money for this church by a tax "if no more money be due upon the former list of ye reader." There is no further record to show whether or not such a tax was levied nor is there anything to indicate that an order of the court, issued December 3rd of the same year, to set aside five or six hundred acres of glebe land and a lot for the minister were carried out.

The same day the court appointed two elders and five wardens, from which it is evident that the court took an active part in the affairs of the church. The following year a Dutch minister (Teschemacher) arrived and was immediately granted land in New Castle, which grant was later confirmed by Penn's agents.

During this period and during the proprietorship of William Penn, numerous grants were made to individual churches, although after the Duke of York's period there were no laws of general application for the support of religious organizations. The fact that title to such property was beset by legal difficulties upon the death of trustees. Such difficulties in the case of Trinity Church (Old Swedes) caused the General Assembly, meeting in

New Castle in 1759, to pass a law incorporating this church.

In 1744 similar difficulties had resulted in passage of a law confirming titles to lands held in peaceable possession for seven years previously in trust for societies of Protestant church and authorizing such societies to own property for churches, schools and burying grounds, but no provision was made for incorporating such societies.

It was not until 1787 that an incorporation law of general application was passed. On February 3, 1787, religious bodies were authorized to incorporate through formal election of trustees and registration of their names with the county Recorder (Del. Laws, vol. 2, chap. 144). At the same time the law of 1744 (Del. Laws, vol. 1, cap. 108) was repealed.

An act passed by the General Assembly in 1700 provided that church registers of any "marriage, birth, or burial, within this, her Majesty's Government, shall be held good and authentic." This was confirmed by the General Assembly after the formation of the State of Delaware (Del. Laws, vol. 1, chap. 17a). Although it was customary for ministers to keep such registers this was not definitely required by law until January 29, 1790 (Del. Laws, vol. 2, chap. 211b).

Colonial laws affecting religious societies, consisting largely of acts of incorporation or grants of land, were confirmed by the Constitution of 1776, which further provided that no minister might hold any civil office while continuing to exercise his pastoral or clerical functions (Del. Laws, vol. 1, Const., art. 8, sec. 9).

The Constitution of 1776 also provided for liberty of religious worship, prohibiting the levy of taxes for the support of any church or minister or legal preference to any denomination; also that no religious test be required as qualification for public office (Del. Laws, vol. 1, Const., art. 1, secs. 1 and 2).

There seems to have been no general provision for tax exemption of church property during the proprietorship of Penn. Apparently such exemption was taken for granted in an age when the church was so commonly a ward of the State. However, in an act of the Assembly in 1796 providing for assessment of real and personal property, that belonging to any "church, religious society, or parish" was specifically exempted (Del. Laws, vol. 2, chap. 98).

An act passed February 3, 1821 provided for payment to Sunday schools of 20¢ for each white scholar attending three months or more during the year. This was increased to 40¢ in 1841 and 50¢ in 1869 (Del. Laws, vol. 6, chap. 65, secs. 1-4; vol. 9, chap. 331, sec. 1; vol. 13, chap. 134, sec. 1). Payment was provided for a maximum attendance of but one thousand in each county and but little advantage has been taken of the law, although some payments are still made under it.

No important change has been made in any of these laws, although there have been numerous amendments, such as acts authorizing a somewhat different form of incorporation for Catholic and Protestant Episcopal churches (Del. Laws, vol. 19, chap. 599; vol. 26 chap. 89, sec. 10; chap. 91).

An incorporation law was passed March 26, 1875 (Del. Laws, vol. 15, chap. 119), covering the formation of business corporations in which a special provision was made for corporations for religious purposes, but it seems to have been little used.

After the passage of the General Corporation Law (Del. Laws, vol. 21, chap. 273) in 1899, some doubt arose as to whether or not this superseded the prior laws pertaining to the incorporation of religious organizations. Some churches organized themselves as business corporations and others as religious corporations. Accordingly, an act was passed March 14, 1911, declaring all incorporations valid under either law (Del. Laws, vol. 26, chap. 90).

Ministers and clerks or keepers of records, by whom or before whom marriages are solemnized, are required by the act of March 3, 1913; to have their names and addresses on file with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, and to report all marriages promptly on forms supplied by the latter (Del. Laws, vol. 27, chap. 84). An act of April 29, 1921 (Del. Laws, vol. 32, chap. 182, sec. 2), authorized any ordained minister of the Gospel or in charge of a recognized church, to solemnize marriages.

Churches and religious organizations of recent years include many that are undenominational. There are also many unaffiliated with any National church body, although adhering to the tenets of some one denomination.

II. EXPLANATORY NOTES

General Arrangement

Denominations are arranged alphabetically. The records of the national organization, if its offices are in Delaware, are listed first; next records of regional division such as conference, synods or provinces with their dependent institutions having offices in the State; then records of local diocesan or conference organizations with their dependent institutions; and last the individual churches arranged in chronological order of date of organization. The numbered entry of a mission school, or similar institution immediately follows that of the parish or church with which it is affiliated.

Organizations of colored people are designated with the word "Colored" in parenthesis, except when the title of the church or organization indicates that it pertains to the colored race.

Date of organization

There is room for a difference of opinion as to just what constitutes an organized congregation. The formalities of organization have varied with changes in laws and customs and with the denomination of the church. Some really important congregations have never had other than an informal organization.

We give the earliest date for which we have evidence of services conducted by the same pastor at a definite time and place or of a church being built. Either we consider a sufficient indication of worship by an organized congregation, though this date in many cases is only approximate.

Churches originating as missions, Sunday Schools, or similar dependent institutions are considered as having been organized when their activities are removed to a building or site apart from the parent church, even though they may continue dependent for some time thereafter.

When congregations have separated, we consider the one that retains the old name and the church property a continuance of the original organization. If either branch became defunct shortly after the separation, the surviving branch is considered a continuance of the original church.

First Settled Clergyman

For each church we have endeavored to determine the first resident pastor whose time was devoted chiefly to that to the church. We have disregarded those whose principal charge or whose residence was elsewhere.

Registers

To avoid repetition we have not detailed the contents of church registers. Unless otherwise stated in the entry, it will be understood that all registers contain records of baptisms, marriages, members, and deaths, and the registers of Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Protestant Episcopal churches also include confirmations. Records may be assumed to be in good condition unless otherwise indicated.

Location of Records

Records listed as being in the church offices or church safe are in the church building unless a separate address is given. Addresses of church officers having custody of records are in the same town as the church, except where given otherwise. Addresses of denominational historical societies and libraries are given in the article dealing with the organization of that denomination and are not repeated for each individual church having records in their custody. The State and County officers whose records are cited are:

State Archivist	Statehouse,	Dover, Del.
Kent County Recorder,	Courthouse,	Dover, Del.
New Castle County Recorder,	City and County Bldg.,	Wilmington, Del.
Sussex County Recorder,	Courthouse,	Georgetown, Del.

Real Estate and Incorporation Records

Deeds to property are sometimes held in the name of the diocese or state convention instead of the name of the individual church. This is particularly true of missions and dependent organizations. Where possible deed records have been listed in the individual church or mission entry. When the record cannot be identified with a particular church or mission it has been listed in the entry dealing with the diocese or state convention with the similar records of that organization. Prior to the passage of the law of 1787 for the incorporation of religious organizations, church property was commonly held in the name of the trustees or of an individual acting as trustee. Such records were indexed under the name of these individuals and not under the name of the church. For this reason some such records were not identified with the church and are not reported in this survey.

There are entries in the books of the County Recorder of the incorporation of or real estate transactions by religious organizations now defunct, of which were unable to find further data. These are listed separately for each county after the individual church entries section and shows: type of instrument, name recorded under, volume, and page.

Bibliography

Books, pamphlets, and newspaper and magazine articles of a general nature are listed at the close of the article on the history and development of religious organizations in Delaware. These include histories of the State containing material on this subject and ecclesiastical histories of the entire county some part of which relates to Delaware.

Books or articles pertaining exclusively or largely to a single denomination are listed immediately following the history of that denomination. Those pertaining to an individual church follow the historical sketch in the entry for that church.

Most of the bibliographies may be found in the Wilmington Institute Free Library or the Library of the University of Delaware.

Abbreviations

Abbreviations are few and are such as are commonly employed. In general the Style Manual of the U.S. Government Printing Office has been followed.

Names of some denominations have been abbreviated in the Index. A list of the abbreviations used therein appears at the head of that section.

Additions and Corrections

Information with regard to errors or omissions in this Inventory will be welcome. Anyone having knowledge of the whereabouts of record books pertaining to any religious organization, either existing or defunct, in this State which we failed to locate, is requested to advise us. Also information regarding errors that may be noted herein will be appreciated, as well as suggestions with respect to changes or additions that may increase the usefulness of this work.

Such information may be sent to the:

Historical Records Survey,
Works Progress Administration,
1734 New York Avenue
Washington, DC

With the assurance that it will receive careful consideration.

III. WILMINGTON COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

This is the only council of churches in the State. Churches in the rural districts co-operate in the same manner as those in Wilmington but without formal organizations. The council is autonomous, as are similar councils in other large cities throughout the country, but may be considered as indirectly connected with the Federal Council of Churches, a federation of twenty-three national church bodies organized in 1908. Most of the churches affiliated with the local body are members of the denominations forming the Federal Council. National headquarters of the latter are, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, 297 Fourth Avenue., New York City. See forthcoming Inventory of the church Archives of New York.

1. WILMINGTON COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, 1921 --, Wilmington.

Organized in 1921 or 1922 at a meeting called by and held at the YMCA. Those who attended came as guests of this organization. Members consist of Protestant churches of Wilmington. Purpose of the Council is to stimulate interest, increase activity, promote cooperation among the churches, and to accomplish such work as could not be done by individual churches. Meetings are held annually. Radio Ministry and Park Services, also special Lenten Services are sponsored by the Council. First President, Dr. Richard W. Trapnell, rector of St. Andrews Protestant Episcopal Church (entry 545).

Minutes (including financial), 1929-37, 1 loose-leaf vol. (series incomplete); in possession of Alfred E. Lindley, YMCA; 1937--, 1 vol.; in possession of Rev. Sterling F. Bashore, 1918 W. 8th St.

IV. ADVENTIST

Seventh Day Adventist

The Seventh Day Adventist world organization is the General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, DC which was organized May 21, 1863 (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of the District of Columbia.) The North American Division is at the same address and the Columbia Union Conference, organized 1907 and comprising conferences in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio, and part of Virginia, is located at 507 Flower Ave., Takoma Park.

The State of Delaware is included in the Chesapeake Conference, 24 Fusting Ave., Catonsville Branch, Baltimore, Md., organized in 1890 (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland.)

Records of every member from baptism until death are kept at the General Conference headquarters. Registers normally omit marriage records.

Members of this denomination observe the Sabbath from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday, practice the system of tithes, giving one-tenth of their income to the church, and although their ministers are ordained, the title "Rev." is not used.

The Seventh Day Adventist Denomination has been represented in Delaware for nearly fifty years. At present there are six churches in the state.

2. WHITELEYSBURG SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIS CHURCH, 1890 --, Whiteleysburg.

Organized 1890. The first church a small frame building at Hollandsville was destroyed by fire. In 1913 they reorganized, built, and dedicated the present church, a one story concrete block structure. First settled clergyman, Elder G. Madairy.

Minutes (including Register and Financial), 1921--, 2 vols.; in possession of Mrs. Bessie Ellwanger, Greensboro, Md. Record of deed: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. A14, p. 238.

3. FIRST SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, 1892--, 1100 Adams St., Wilmington.

Organized 1892. Meetings held in Red Men's Hall on Howland St., 1892-1927. Present building, dedicated 1927. It is a three story brick building, formerly a residence. First settled clergyman, Rev. R. D. Nottel, 1892-1932, educated at Battle Creek Missionary College, Battle Creek, Mich.

Minutes (including Register), 1892 --, 8 vols.; in possession of church clerk, Ethel Unger, 909 Washington St. Financial, 1892 --, 6 vols.; in possession of Mrs. Kuppin, 4 Franklin Ave., Northland. Sabbath School, 1892 --, 4 vols.; in possession of Ruth Hughes, Elkton, Md. Record of incorporation and deeds: New Caastle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. E19, pp. 218 and 278; vol. I24, p. 561; vol. S35, p. 48. Elder Clarence V. Leach, 815 W. 11th St., Wilm.

4. SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH (Colored) 1896 --, Cheswold.

Organized 1896, worshipping in a frame building which was destroyed by fire in 1906. Present building was built the same year and dedicated in 1913.

Frame structure with bell. First settled clergyman, Elder Fred Leeney, 1896-1916.

Minutes, (including Register of baptisms, members, deaths), 1906 --, 1 vol.; kept in church. Prior records lost in fire. Record of deed: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deed Record; vol. C9, p. 276.

5. SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH (Colored), 1912 --. 619 N. duPont St., Wilmington.

Organized and present building dedicated 1912. It is a one story brick building with tower and bell. Building had previously been occupied by the First Italian Presbyterian Church (entry 515) and was used jointly until the latter became defunct. First settled clergyman, Fred E. Seymour, 1912-17.

Minutes, 1912 --, 3 vols.; Financial, 1930 --, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Mary A. Webster, 607 ½ Tatnall St. Register (baptisms, members, deaths), 1912 --, 1 vol.; in possession of Elder William Cheatam, Route 2, College Road, Dover. Sabbath School, 1930 --, 1 vol.; in possession of Mr. B. Wright, 920 French St.

6. DOVER NUMBER ONE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, 1917 --, Lotus St., Dover.

Organized in 1917. Meetings were held in private homes until 1933 at which time the present church was completed. One story frame structure with basement and stained glass windows. First settled clergyman, Willima F. Schmidt, 1932--. Educated at Washington Missionary College, Takoma Park, MD.

Minutes, (including Register of baptisms, members, deaths) 1922 --, 3 vols.; in possession of church clerk, Mrs. Marie Wilkens, Marydel, Md. Financial, 1922 --, 3 vols.; in possession of Mrs. William Schmidt, Lotus St.

7. SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH (Colored), 1920 --, 25 Queen St., Dover.

Organized February 14, 1920 services being held in a church on Washington St. until 1922 when it was sold and congregation moved to present building. Dedicated August 11, 1922. Frame building with bell. First settled clergyman, Leslie Muntz.

Register (baptisms, members, deaths), 1920 --, 1 vol.; Sabbath School, 1920 --, 1 vol.; kept in church. Financial, 1920 --, 1 vol.; in custody of church treasurer.

8. SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH (Colored), 1922 --, Millsboro.

Organized 1922 at which time present church was built. Plain frame structure with bell. First settled clergyman, A.J. Evelyn, 1922-26.

Minutes, 1922 --, 1 vol.; Register (baptisms, members, deaths), 1922 --, 1 vol.; Sabbath School, 1922 --, 1 vol.; kept in the church. Financial, 1922 --, 1 vol.; in custody of church treasurer. Record of Deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DGN244, pg. 477.

V. AMERICAN RESCUE WORKERS

This organization was originally a part of the Salvation Army (see Section XXXI). When the American branch re-united with the English under General Dallington Booth, some twenty-five posts preferred to remain independent. They therefore incorporated as the American Rescue Workers in 1913.

This organization is military in character. Field officers in charge of stations are required to keep a station book and to send weekly, quarterly, and yearly reports to headquarters, keeping duplicate copies on file. Yearly reports must be submitted two weeks before the annual council. Solicitors are provided with certificates bearing the seal of the corporation.

The corporation is chartered under the laws of Pennsylvania with National Headquarters at 2827 Frankford Ave., Philadelphia (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). President of the corporation and Commander in Chief is Gen. James William Duffin. There is but one station in this state.

9. AMERICAN RESCUE WORKERS, 1933 --, 426 W. Front St. Wilmington.

Organized in 1933 by Capt. E.D. Franklin. Services were first held in a hall at 6th and Walnut Sts. Several other rented quarters were used until 1937 when the present building was dedicated. It is a three story brick structure. First resident officer, Capt. E.D. Franklin, 1933-35.

Register, 1937 --, 1 vol.; Financial and Service report (duplicates of the weekly reports sent to the National Headquarters), 1936 --, 1 loose-leaf vol.; in possession of Adj. Norman B. Smallwood, 426 W. Front St. Sunday School, 1937 --, 1 loose-leaf vol.; in possession of Miss Murial Barlow, 426 W. Front St.

VI. ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

There are five churches of this denomination in Delaware, which is within the jurisdiction of the Eastern District Council. District Secretary, A. Newton Chase, 3660 N. 4th St., Harrisburg, Pa. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). Executive offices of the General Council Assemblies of God are at 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Missouri).

10. FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, 1919 --, 23RD And Pine Sts., Wilmington

Organized and incorporated December 10, 1919, as the Pentecostal Church of Delaware. Services held in present church, formerly the Hope Baptist Church (entry 40). Rebuilt 1927. One story brick structure with tower. First settled clergyman, Rev. John Cox, 1919-21. Educated in England.

Minutes, 1925-35, 2 vols.; Register, 1919 --, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Milton W. Richards, 3118 N. Harrison St. Minutes, 1935 --, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, Charles L. Gambel, 521 Vandever Ave. Financial, 1919 --, 4 vols.; in possession of treasurer, Ivan Larson, 1907 Linden St. Sunday School, 1925 --, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, Myrtle Travis, 946 E. 17th St. Records of incorporation and deeds; New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. A29, pg. 544; vol. D29, p. 585; vol. M37, pg. 136.

11. ITALIAN CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH, 1926 --, 1720 Chestnut St., Wilmington

Organized 1926, holding services for a short period in room at 7th and Scott Sts., and then in the First Italian Presbyterian Church at 619 N. duPont St. (entry 515), until 1929. Services are held in Italian. Building at 1800 W. 5th St. was used until 1931, when present church was dedicated. One story cement block structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Joseph Guisti, 1926 --.

Minutes, (including register of members and deaths), 1931 --, 1 vol.; Financial, 1932 --, 1 vol.; in possession of Sarah Guisti, 1704 Tulip St. Records are kept in English.

12. CALVARY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, 1932 --, 908 West St., Wilmington.

Organized in 1932 by a group withdrawing from the First Pentecostal Church (entry 10), under the leadership of Rev. Ralph P. Hughey, holding services in "Odd Fellows Hall", 10th and King Sts. Until 1936, when they moved to a rented room in Pythian Castle, their present quarters. First settled clergyman, Rev. Ralph P. Hughey, 1932 --.

Register (baptisms, marriages, deaths), 1932 --, 3 vols.; (members), 1932 --, 2 card files; in possession of pastor, Rev. Ralph P. Hughey, 805 W. 22nd St. Financial, 1932 --, 2 vols.; in possession of Delmar T. VanSice, 2913 Tatnall St. Sunday School (attendance records), 1932 --, 2 card files; in possession of Ernest Greenwell, 626 N. Harrison St.

13. GRACE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, 1934 --, Lovett Ave. near Chapel St., Newark.

Organized under the leadership of Mr. And Mrs. Albert Crookshank, former members of the Oxford Heights Pentecostal Church, Pa. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania).

Meetings are held in private homes and later in the Red Men's Lodge Room on Main St. until present church was dedicated April 14, 1935. One story plain frame building. First settled clergyman, Rev. John D. Tubbs, 1934 --.

Minutes, 1935 --, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, Blair Casho, Center St. Register; (members), 1935 --, 1 vol.; (marriages), 1934 --, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John D. Tubbs. Sunday School, 1934 --, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, Mrs. John D. Tubbs. Financial, 1935 --, 1 vol.; in possession of treasurer, Elmer McVey. Sunday School Financial, 1934 --, 1 vol.; in possession of treasurer, Mrs. Elmer McVey.

14. FULL GOSPEL MISSION, 1934 --, Mulberry St., Lewes.

Organized and building dedicated in 1934. It is a two story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Harvey Adams, 1934-35.

Minutes, 1934 --, 1 vol.; in possession of Frank Moore, Rehoboth. Register, 1934 --, 1 vol.; Financial, 1934 --, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1934 --, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Forrest Nelson, Lewes.

VII. BAPTIST

Although four Baptist denominations are represented in Delaware and several Baptist churches unaffiliated with any national organization, all except the German and Swedish churches have a common history.

The first Baptist congregation in this territory was organized not in Delaware but in Wales. This organization, which still exists as the Welsh Tract Primitive Baptist Church (entry 15) was formed in 1701 by emigrants in Pembroke and Caermarthen Counties, Wales, in anticipation of coming to America. Their minister, Rev. Thomas Griffith, sailed on the same vessel with his congregation consisting of sixteen families. They reached Philadelphia September 8, 1701 but remained in Pennsylvania for two years, moving to the Welsh Tract in New Castle County in the Spring of 1703. There they built a log church on Iron Hill, to be replaced in 1746 by the present brick building.

A mission established in Kent County by this congregation as early as 1733 developed into the present Brynzion Church (entry 16). Through the Colonial period most of the Baptist churches established in New Castle and Kent Counties could trace their origin to the Welsh Tract congregation. In Sussex County the first church of the Baptist faith was Sounds Baptist Church in Baltimore Hundred (entry 17). This church was organized in 1779 by Rev. Elijah Baker and Rev. Philip Hughes, traveling evangelists who organized twenty-one churches in Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware. Sounds Baptist Church has long since been defunct but other churches organized as an outcome of the same series of revival meetings are still functioning.

Several associations were formed by the early churches, the Sounds Baptist Church joining with others in Sussex County and in Maryland in 1782 to organize the Salisbury Association. The same year this organization united with the Philadelphia Association. In 1795 the Delaware Baptist Association was formed including most of the Baptist churches in Delaware together with one in Maryland and several in Pennsylvania.

Sunday schools and missionary societies were organized as part of the work of these early Baptist churches. A general missionary conference of national scope was called in 1814, to which two delegates were sent by Delaware churches.

However some members objected to such work on the ground that it was contrary to the teachings of the Bible. This brought about a separation, members in many cases withdrawing and forming new organizations under other names. During this period Sunday Schools and such subsidiary church functions were abandoned and re-organized under other auspices. Many local Baptist associations became defunct although the Delaware Baptist Association was still in existence in 1856, at which time its minutes contain a reference to it as the "Delaware Old School Baptists' Association."

A further division occurred in 1845 when the question of slavery caused that State conventions in the South to withdraw.

The importance of the "Old School" or "Primitive" Baptists has dwindled until there are but six churches of this denomination in the State. The Northern Baptist denomination is now the largest Baptist church organization in Delaware.

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Primitive Baptist Church

There is no formal national organization of this denomination. Organizations other than those of individual churches are contrary to their religious beliefs. However for convenience of intercommunication Mr. William H. Crouse, Stateboro, Ga. serves as correspondent.

See: sketch of Old School yearly meeting in Wilmington Morning News, Oct. 18, 1926.

15. WELSH TRACT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1701 --, Welsh Tract Road, Newark

Organized 1701 by thirteen families in Pembroke and Caermarthen counties in Wales, who planned to settle in this country. Minister and congregation arrived together in Philadelphia September 8, 1701 settling first at Pennypack in Pennsylvania. In the Spring of 1703 they took up land in Delaware and built a log church on Iron Hill, the present site. Included among the first members of the organization formed in Wales were Rev. Elisha Thomas, who became pastor upon the death of the Rev. Griffith and the Rev. Enoch Morgan, successor to the Rev. Thomas upon his death in 1730. This church became the mother church of the Duck Creek Church (entry 16), and Bethel Church (entry 18), besides the London Tract Church in Pennsylvania (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). In November 1736 forty-eight members left to settle on the Pedee River in South Carolina where they organized the Welsh Neck Baptist Church (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of South Carolina), which in turn became the mother church of many others in that section. The original log church was burned by the Indians about 1745 and was replaced the following year by the present church building. One story plain brick structure. Original entrance was bricked up and a new door made in opposite end of building when location of road was changed. Building contains original pews and floor. Cornerstone inscription has become illegible but date 1746 can be deciphered on stone thought to be original cornerstone. Building in good condition but bears scars of the battle of Cooch's Bridge.

Served in the Revolutionary War by supplying iron ore mined from part of the Welsh Tract lying about three miles southwest of the church. Burying ground is surrounded by a low stone wall, outside of which colored members were buried. Services are held monthly, there having been no break in the continuity of services since the founding of the church. A roadside marker erected by the Historic Markers Commission of Delaware stands about a quarter of a mile northeast of the church at the junction of the Newark and Middletown Road and Baptist Church Road. First settled clergyman, Rev. Thomas Griffith, 1701-25. See: "Records of the Welsh Tract Baptist Meeting, Pencader Hundred, New Castle County, Del., 1701-1828) in Historical Society of Delaware Papers, No. 42 (Wilmington, Historical Society of Delaware, 1904, 2 vols., 88 pp. And 149 pp.); 200th Anniversary containing history of Griffith family (1901, privately printed, 2 vols.); William Reynolds, "Welsh Tract Baptist Meeting, Old Iron Hill Meeting House" in Harkness Magazine, vol. 1, pp. 170-174 (Philadelphia, March, 1873); "Welsh Tract Baptist Meeting History" in Pennsylvania Magazine (Philadelphia, 1885); articles in Wilmington newspapers; Morning News, Oct. 19, 1925; Sunday Star, Jan. 8, 1928, April 22, 1934, and Jan. 12, 1936; Every Evening, Aug. 18, 1932.

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16. BRYNZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1733 --, ¾ mile NE of Kenton.

Organized about 1733 as a branch of Welsh Tract Church (entry 15). It was often referred to as the Old Duck Creek Church. Services were held in private homes and occasionally in a small frame church, which had been built by the Independents and called Brynzion, meaning Mount Zion. In 1747 land on which to build a church was deeded to the trustees of the Baptist society, but this church was never built. In 1771 the Independents' church, having become dilapidated and abandoned by them, was replaced by the Baptist society with a brick structure. In 1781 they became an independent body, separate from the mother church. Church building was reconstructed in 1871. It is a one story brick structure. Colonial style. First settled clergyman, Griffith Jones, 1749-54.

Minutes (including Financial), 1908 --, 1 vol.; Register, 1908 --, 1 vol. In possession of pastor, Benjamin E. Cubbage, Wyoming. List of members in 1781 at times of separation from Welsh Tract Church and some old death records taken from tombstones 1790-1837, in Scharf, History of Delaware, vol. 2. Record of incorporation; Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. 22, pg. 47.

17. SOUNDS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1779 - ?, (Defunct), Sounds.

Organized August 12, 1779 as a result of revival meetings which had been held at intervals since the previous year. Leaders of this movement were Revs. Elijah Baker and Philip Hughes through whose efforts twenty-one churches were established in Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware. No church building was ever erected, meetings being held in the homes of John Tull and Thomas Wildgoose (or Wilegoos).

This church joined in the organization of the Salisbury Association in 1782. First settled pastor, Rev. Johnathan Gibbins, ordained and appointed pastor April 16, 1787. His tenure of office and date church became defunct are unknown.

No records found. List of members given in Scharf, History of Delaware, Vol. 2.

18. BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1780-1871 (defunct), Highway #273, one mile west of Hares Corner.

Organized about 1780 as a branch of the Welsh Tract Baptist Church (entry 15). Services were held in the home of David Morton until about 1786 when a church was erected on land secured from Ebenezer and Andrew Morton. In 1839 the congregation became an independent organization and joined the Delaware Baptist Association (entry 25), having sixteen members at the time. The last mention of the church in the Association minutes is in 1871, at which time it had five members. First settled clergyman, Rev. Thomas Fleeson, tenure unknown.

Records of deeds; New Castle Co. Recorder's Office, Deeds Record; vol. I2, p. 303; vol. N5, p. 379; vol. D6, p. 366.

19. BROAD CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1781 --, R.F.D., Laurel.

Organized 1781, being one of the churches established by Messrs. Hughes and Baker and one of the organizers of the Salisbury Association. Services were held in private homes until 1800 when present church was opened and dedicated. Remodeled in 1856 and again in 1910. One story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. John Gibbins, 1784-86. He should not be confused with Rev. Johnathan Gibbins of the Sounds Primitive Baptist Church of the same period (see entry 17).

Minutes, 1900 --, 1 vol.; Register, 1900 --, 2 vols.; Financial, 1900 --, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Ellie Darby, R.F.D., Seaford. Record of deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBP115, p. 81.

20. PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1785 --, 1304 Jefferson St., Wilmington.

Organized 1785 by nine members of the Welsh Tract Baptist Church (entry 15) under the leadership of Thomas Ainger, a former member of the Arch Street Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). He was converted to the Baptist faith through his wife and became a member of the Welsh Tract Baptist Church before the Wilmington church was established. In 1786 this Church was united with the Philadelphia Baptist Association (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). In 1835 the congregation divided, one group forming the Second Baptist church (entry 26). The Sunday School was discontinued at that time as being contrary to the Primitive Baptist beliefs. The first church, a plain two story brick structure at 1008 King St., was occupied continuously from 1785 until 1913 when it was demolished to make way for the City and County Building. The same year the present church was opened and dedicated. One story brick building. Gothic style. First settled clergyman, Rev. Thomas Ainger, 1788-97. See: Elder Sylvester Hassell, historical sketch in C.B. and S. Hassell, Church History (Middletown, N.Y., Gilbert Beebe & Sons, 1885); article in Wilmington Sunday Star, Jan. 27, 1924.

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21. SMITH MILLS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1790 --, R.F.D., Delmar.

Organized 1790 taking its name from a nearby mill. Services held in frame church until present church was built on adjoining site. Opened and dedicated in 1897. Frame building. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1897 --, 1 vol.; Register, 1790 --, 2 vols.; Financial, 1790 --, 2 vols.; in possession of J.L. Hastings, Delmar.

22. SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, 1814-15 (defunct), SW cor. 6th and King Sts., Wilmington.

Organized not later than 1814 holding services in a brick schoolhouse on the SW corner of 6th and King Sts., which the congregation purchased on March 25, 1814. This was apparently an outgrowth of the Baptist Church of Wilmington, (now Primitive, see entry 20), as three of the trustees had been elected trustees of the older church in 1810. Property was sold May 15, 1815 and the congregation evidently returned to the mother church as we find two trustees of the Second Baptist Church serving as president and treasurer of the former church in 1822. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Records of deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's Office, Deeds Record: vol. N3, pp. 387 and 444; vol. D4, p. 224.

23. PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1882 --, Cor. North 2nd and Jewel Sts., Delmar.

Organized 1882 holding services in private homes and in a nearby grove until 1883 when the present building was dedicated. A one story frame structure with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. John J. Craig, 1883-84.

Minutes, 1883 --, 3 vols.; in possession of Mrs. J. L. Hastings. Register, 1883 --, 6 vols.; in possession of pastor, Elder H. C. Ker, 300 S. Blvd., Delmar, Md. Record of deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BY98, p. 415.

24. PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH OF GOD (Colored), 1932-35 (defunct), 705 Walnut St., Wilmington.

Organized 1932 as a Primitive Baptist Church for members of the colored race. Services held at above address, over a garage, until 1935 when the minister left and the organization became defunct. First settled clergyman, Rev. Isaac Kent, 1932-35.

Records are said to have been taken by pastor, whose present address is unknown.

Northern Baptist Convention

The churches separating from the Baptist association during the early part of the nineteenth century organized themselves into small groups and in some cases into state associations but they did not combine into a national body until 1907 when the Northern Baptist Convention was formed. Offices of the Northern Baptist Convention are at 276 Fifth Ave., New York City.

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25. Delaware Baptist State Convention, 1795--.

Organized October 24, 1795 as the Delaware Baptist Association by six churches, of which five were in Delaware. Several churches in Pennsylvania later joined the association.

On October 1, 1878 the Delaware Baptist Union was organized and incorporated January 26, 1883.

The two organizations united March 11, 1895 as the Delaware Baptist Union Association. The Delaware Baptist Mission Society was incorporated fifteen days later with practically the same corporate powers and many of the same incorporators, from which it would appear that the two were closely associated. The incorporation of 1883 was for a period of twenty years and the organization re-incorporated under the same name October 10, 1903.

The present name was adopted in 1916 and the convention minutes are numbered from that year, but the name was not changed in the corporation records until May 13, 1921.

Purpose of the convention is the promotion of common denominational interests of the churches connected with the organization, erection and maintenance of houses of religious worship and establishment of Gospel missions at home and abroad, circulation of religious literature and ministration of charity to the needy. Executive Secretary is Rev. Clifford C. Greiner, 506 N. Washington St., Milford.

Annual Minutes (Delaware Baptist Union Association), 1895-1915, (Delaware Baptist State Convention), 1919--, 1 vol. each year; in possession of president, Rev. F. Raymond Baker, 808 N. Franklin St., Wilmington. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Private Acts Record; vol. Cl, p. 129; vol. El, pp. 598 and 599; Certificate of Incorporation; vol. Wl, p. 577; vol. P15, p. 589; Deeds Record; vol. P33, p. 475; vol. T33, p. 139; vol. D35, p. 379; vol.; E37; p. 562; vol. U37, p. 176; vol. G39, p. 317, Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. T5, p. 200; vol. 06, p. 232, vol. P6, p. 46; vol. 08, p. 249; vol. E9, p. 298; vol. M9, p. 425; vol. V12, p. 173; Mortgage Record; vol. 5, p. 343; Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BY98, p.346; Incorporation Record; vol. H8, p. 343.

26. SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, 1835--, 9th and Franklin Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1835 by thirteen members of the Baptist Church of Wilmington (now Primitive entry 20), due to disagreements arising within the congregation. Services were held for a time in a rented room on East 6th St. Church was incorporated April 18, 1837 and the incorporation record shows they had moved into the old stone church building of the Second Presbyterian Church (entry 496) at 5th and Walnut Sts. sometime prior to that date. This property they purchased may 31, 1837. In 1855 they built a three story brick church on the NE corner of 4th and French Sts., which they occupied until 1888. A chapel, which forms part of the present church, was then built and used until the opening and dedication of the completed building in 1910. Two story stone structure, Romanesque style. First settled clergyman, Rev. C. W. Dennison, 1836-39. Present pastor, Rev. F. Raymond Baker, is president of the Wilmington Council of Churches and of the Delaware Baptist State Convention. See: Russell Turner, article on 100th Anniversary (Wilmington, privately printed, 1935, 12

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27. ELM STREET CHAPEL, 1873-76 (defunct), Elm and Jackson Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1873 as a mission of the Second Baptist Church (entry 26). Services held in a small frame building at the above address until December, 1876, when the organization became defunct due to financial difficulties. First settled clergyman, Rev. M. C. Maytor, 1873-76.

Second Baptist Church reports no records for this chapel.

28. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 1850--, Division and Bradford Sts. Dover.

Organized in 1850 through the efforts of members of the Baptist faith in this vicinity, among whom were Jonothan Stites and family and George Parish and family who were active in this work as early as 1832; also Rev. John P. Thompson, a sailor, who arrived in 1839. the first building was a two story brick structure on South side of Dover Green. It is now owned by the Dover Century Club. The present building, dedicated in 1892, is a brick structure, on the corner of which is a square tower. Windows are Gothic style with stained glass. A two story Bible School building extends along Division St. First clergyman, Rev. R. Herd, 1853-54.

Minutes, 1918--, 1 vol.; Register, 1918--, 1 vol.; in possession of church clerk, William P; Forkum. Financial, 1918--, 1 vol.; in possession of treasurer, Hughett K. McDaniel; (also included in church minutes). Sunday School 1918--, 1 vol.; in custody of secretary of Bible School. Record of deed; Kent Co. Recorder's office Deeds Record; vol. H5, p. 466.

29. DELAWARE AVENUE BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH, Delaware Ave. and West St. Wilmington.

Organized 1865 as the Delaware Avenue Baptist Church, holding services for a short period in the Wilmington Institute Building, NW corner 8th and market Sts. The same year the congregation moved to the Primitive Baptist Church (entry 20), 10th and King Sts., where they remained until 1868, They then moved to the basement of the present church until the building was opened and dedicated in 1870. Two story stone structure. Partly Romanesque style, with tower, no bell. Stained glass windows and various memorials. Property held in name of the American Baptist Home Mission Society from 1891 to 1931 when the church merged with the Bethany Baptist Church (entry 35). Incorporated under the present name Sept. 30, 1931. First settled clergyman Rev.

George W. Folwell, 1866-74. See: articles in Wilmington newspapers, Every Evening, Feb. 21, 1924; Evening Journal, Jan. 14, 1928; Harry Emmons, historical sketch, manuscript.

Minutes, 1931-- , 1 vol.; Register, 1931-- , 1 vol.; in possession of church clerk, Ella E. martin, 210 W. 22nd St. Financial, 1931-- , 1 vol.; in possession of financial secretary, George Irwin, 602 W 28th St Sunday School, 1931-- , 1 vol. in possession of treasurer, John Plummer, 601 W. 20th St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. B8, p. 512; vol. C8, p. 93; vol. E8, p. 168; vol. L8, p/ 456; vol. X8, pp. 422 and 428; vol. S15, p. 98; vol. Y15, p. 126; vol. Q17, p.166; vol. B19, p. 51; vol.R27, p. 509; vol. M33, p.316; vol. L34, p. 547; vol. V37, p. 366; vol. X37, pp. 324 and 452; vol. 237, p. 271; vol. D38,p. 10.

30. MCDOWELL MISSION, (Sunday School) 1868-1916 (defunct), 11th and DuPont Sts.,
Wilmington.

Organized 1868 and named in honor of Philip McDowell, who donated the land, material, and labor for the building. Sponsored by the Delaware Avenue Baptist Church (entry 29) to provide a suitable Sunday School for the children of McDowellville. Plain one story structure. Organization became defunct upon the death of John E. Bottger, its (first and only) superintendent, in 1916.

All records were destroyed.

31. PLYMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1867-73 (defunct) Plymouth.

Organized and admitted into Philadelphia Baptist Association (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania) October 2, 1867. Services held in private homes. No church was ever built. Disbanded March 22, 1873. First settled clergyman, Rev. D. B. Purington, 1867-71.

No records found.

32. MILFORD BAPTIST CHURCH, 1873-- , W. 2nd St., near Church St., Milford

Organized June 14th , 1873 with nineteen members. Dedication services were held in present church on Thanksgiving Day. Plain one story frame building with basement, Gothic style windows. Pastor of this church, Rev. Clifford C. Greiner , is Executive Secretary of the Delaware State Baptist Convention (entry 25). First settled clergyman, Rev. Mr. Hope, 1873-74.

Minutes, 1873-- , vols. (Register and all records kept in minutes); in possession of the church clerk, Mrs. Jessie Kimmey, 604 N. Walnut St.

33. FIRST SWEDISH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1873-- , Vandever Ave. and Church St., Wilmington.

Organized 1873, holding services in the Delaware Avenue Baptist Church (entry 29) until 1882. Than moved to a one story brick building at 12th and Heald Sts. And in 1889 to a one story Brick building at 5th and Walnut Sts. Incorporated Aug. 4, 1891. Present church opened and Dedicated in 1904. Two story brick structure. Gothic style. First settled clergyman, Rev. William Johnson, 1890-91. See: Frank L. Siljegren, History of First Swedish Baptist Church (Chicago, Wilgren Press, 1914); article in Wilmington Every Evening, Feb. 15, 1929.

Minutes, 1892-- , 27 vols.; Register, 1930-- , Vols.; Financial, 1883-- ,

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34. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 1876--, 14 E. 5th St., New Castle

Organized and incorporated December 16, 1876, meeting in the New Castle Courthouse. Present church opened and dedicated in 1879. One story brick building, Colonial style with stained windows. First settled clergyman, Rev. Bernard McMackin, 1876-85.

Minutes, 1876--, 3 vols.; in possession of Flora Hewitt, E. Chestnut St. Register, 1876--, 3 vols.; in church office. Financial, 1926--, 1 vol.; in possession of Frank Hewlett, West 6th St. Sunday School, 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of Florence Megginson, New Castle Road, R. F. D. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol., X10, p. 428; vol. Z10, p. 510; vol. 011, p. 418; vol. 213, p. 277; vol. R28 p. 275.

35 BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH, 1878-1931 (merged), Elm and Jackson Sts. Wilmington.

Organized 1878 and incorporated January 4, 1879, taking over the abandoned Elm Street Chapel (entry 27) which was deeded to the Bethany Baptist church upon its incorporation. Rebuilt In 1887. One story brick structure. Gothic style. Purchased building on 5th Ave. between Brown and Coleman Sts. From the Reformed Episcopal Church of the Covenant (entry 574) on May 23, 1889. This building was evidently for a mission as the congregation continued to occupy the church on Elm St. until they merged with the Delaware Avenue Church (entry 29), in 1931, under the name of the Delaware Avenue Bethany Baptist Church. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. M. Eastwood, 1878-?. Educated at Crozier Seminary, Chester, Pa.

Minutes, 1895-1927, 2 vol.; Register, 1895-1927, 2 vols.; Financial 1895-1927, 2 vols.; Sunday School , 1895-1927, 2 vols.; in possession of American Baptist Historical Society, Crozier Seminary, Chester, Pa. Records of incorporation and deeds; New Castle co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. H11, p. 246; vol. I11, p. 71; vol. I14, p. 590; vol. M14, pp. 212 and 553; vol. X14, p. 74; vol. V16, p. 526; vol. K20, p. 456; vol. U20, p. 93; vol. I21, p. 543; vol. S33, p. 365.

36. FIRST POLISH BAPTIST MISSION, 1910-1937 (defunct), Elm and Franklin Sts., Wilmington.

Organized about 1910 as a mission of Bethany Baptist Church (entry 35). Building is a one story stuccoed structure. In 1932 the church was rented by the Judson Memorial Baptist Church (entry 44) and the building was used by both congregations until the Polish church became defunct in 1937. First settled pastor, Rev. Henry Schilke, 1910-?

Mortgage record: New Castle co. Recorder's office, Mortgage Record; vol. G15, p. 230.

37. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 1883--, Maryland Ave. and State St. Delmar.

Organized and building dedicated in 1883 as a mission of the Delaware Baptist Union (entry 25). It is a one story frame structure with annex.

First settled clergyman, Rev. John T. Craig, 1883-84. See: S. K. Slemons, historical sketch in minute book, 1892.

Minutes (including Register), 1883--, 1 vol.; in possession of C. J. Calhoun, 107 Pine St., Delmar, Md. Sunday School, 1883--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1883--, 2 vols.; in possession of Ollie Johnson, E. Elizabeth St. Deed, 1883, in possession of Rev. F. Raymond Baker, 808 N. Franklin St. Wilmington. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office. Deeds Record; vol. DIT302, p. 44; Incorporation Record; vol. H8, p. 343.

38. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH (Colored), 1885--, Queen and Fulton Sts., Dover

Organized 1885. Services were held in a hall over Wise Drug Store until the present building was dedicated in 1886. Improvements were made to the building in 1927. It is a one story frame structure with cornerstone. First settled clergyman, Re. Mr. Jones, 1885-?

Minutes, 1933--, 2 vols. Financial, 1920--, 1 vol.; in possession of church clerk, Mrs. Ida Terrell, 18 N. Kirkwood St. Register, 1935--, (baptism) 1 vol., (marriages) 1 vol., 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1931--, 1 vol.; in church in custody of pastor. Record of deed: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. T5, p. 200.

39. NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1887--, 1621 Lincoln St., Wilmington.

Organized 1887 as a mission of the Delaware Baptist Church (entry 29) under the name of Lincoln Street Mission. Present church opened and dedicated at that time. Incorporated and name changed in 1895. Extensive alterations were made and church re-dedicated in 1932, at which time historical sketches of the church by Elizabeth A. Brosius, Lee D. Sturgis, and Walter Stewart were deposited in the cornerstone. One story brick structure. Square plan. First settled clergyman, Rev. F. A. Merrill, 1894-99; educated at Crozier Seminary, Chester, Pa. See: article in Wilmington Every Evening, June 15, 1932.

Minutes, (containing Register previous to 1903) 1894--, 3vol.; Register, 1903--, card index file; in possession of the secretary, Walter Stewart, 12 W. Moreland Ave., Bellemoor. Financial, 1887--; in possession of financial secretary, Walter L. Simmons, 1502 Delaware Ave. Sunday School 1887--, files; in church office. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle co. Recorder's office Deeds Record; vol. Q16, p. 560; vol. V16, p. 526; vol. K20, p. 456; vol. E38, p. 283.

40 HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1905-17 (defunct), 23rd and Pine Sts., Wilmington.

Organized in 1905 incorporated in 1906. Meetings were held in the Swedish Baptist c Church (entry 33) at Vandever Ave. and Church Sts. until a lot a purchased at 23rd and Pine Sts. and a single story brick church building erected in 1906. Date organization became defunct is not definitely known but the property was sold to the First Pentecostal Church (entry 10) in 1919.

Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Z20, p. 151; vol. D29, p. 585; Certificate of Incorporation; vol. K2, p. 212.

41. PEOPLE'S BAPTIST CHURCH, 1917-- , South St., Hamilton Park.

Organized 1917 as the Hazel Bell Mission. Services held in one story frame church built on Pyle's Lane on land donated by Mr. Lobdell. Present church opened and dedicated in 1930, which time name was changed. Incorporated under this name Sept. 12, 1932. Two story concrete block structure with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Erby P. Davis ,1917--; educated at Crozier Seminary, Chester, Pa.

Minutes, 1917-33, 2 vols.; Register, 3 vols.; Sunday School, 1917-30; 2 vols.; Financial, 1917-36; in possession of pastor, Rev. Erby P. Davis, Pyle's Lane. Minutes, 1936-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. J. Ross, 5 south St. Sunday School, 1930-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Hannah Leatherbury, W. Porter St., Wilmington. Financial , 1936-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Carlton Casson, Pyle's Lane. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Records office, Deeds Record, vol. Z36, p; 348; vol. K38, pp.219 and 413; vol.139, p. 588.

42. MINQUADALE MISSION, 1923-- , Dover St., Minquadale.

Organized in 1923 by Rev. Erby P. Davis, pastor of the Peoples Baptist Church, Hamilton Park, (entry 41) First services were held in a store building on the duPont Highway. Later the Minquadale Public School. Since 1935 the Mission has been conducted by Richard Ludke, in the basement of his residence.

Minutes, 1934-- , 1 vol.; Register, (members, financial) 1935-- , 1 vol., (baptisms) 1923-- , ! loose-leaf vol.; in possession of Richard Ludke.

43. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HOLLOWAY TERRACE, 1921-- , 4th St. and West Ave., Holloway Terrace

Organized 1821 as a undenominational Sunday School known as the Holloway Terrace Baptist Mission, under leadership of Henry Cable. Services held in one story frame building across the road from present site until 1923, when present church was opened and dedicated. Incorporated as the First Baptist church of Holloway Terrace on November 4, 1923. Two story concrete block structure with tower. First settled clergyman, Rev. William Haines, 1927-30.

Minutes, 1933-- , 1 vol.; Register, 1933-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Florence I. Truax, 5 West Ave. Financial, 1921-- ; 1 vol.; in possession of Charles Gibbons, 8th St. Sunday School, 1933-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Blanche Mortimer, 9th St. and West Ave. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. F32, p. 328; H32, p. 289; O32, p. 213; vol. P33, p. 475.

44. JUDSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1932-- , Elm and Franklin Sts. Wilmington.

Organized 1932 by a group from the Bethany Baptist church (entry 35) who had been holding meetings in private homes under leadership of Rev. Judson Westfall, since the merger of Bethany Church with the Delaware Avenue Baptist Church (entry 29) the previous year. The present church building was rented from the trustees of the First Polish Baptist Mission (entry 36) in 1932 and it was used by both congregations until the Polish Church became defunct in 1937. Plain two story structure. First story stone with stucco finish; second story frame. First settled clergyman, Rev. Edwin C. Osbourne, 1932-34 educated at Crozier Seminary, Chester Pa.

Minutes, 1932--, 1 vol.; Register, 1932--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. James McDowell, 903 Chestnut St. Financial, 1932--, 1 vol. in possession of Norman Robertson, 1120 Chestnut St. Sunday School, 1932--, 1 vol. in possession of John. Crossan, 2216 Market St.

GERMAN BAPTIST

There is but on German Baptist Church in Delaware, established in Wilmington over eighty years ago. This church is a member of the Delaware State Baptist Convention (entry 25) as well as the General Missionary Society of German Baptist Churches of North America, whose national headquarters are at 7348 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives in Illinois).

45. EAST GERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH, 1865--. 5th and Walnut Sts., Wilmington.

Organized May 6, 1856 under the leadership of Jeremiah and Margaret Grimmill as the First Baptist Church, holding services in the stone church on present site, built in 1774 by the Second Presbyterian Church (now Hanover, entry 496) and later occupied by the Second Baptist Church (entry 26), from whom the building was purchased by the German organization on May 9, 1856. In 1897 the present building, a stone brick structure with memorial windows, was opened and dedicated. Original name in German " Erste Gemeinde glaubig getaufter Christen ", is cut in a stone block over the Walnut St. door. The present name was adopted in 1936. Services are no longer held in German. First settled clergyman, Rev. F. A. Bauer, 1856-58. See: Rev. Henry C. Baum, Eben-Ezer (Cleveland, German Baptist Publishing Society, 1906, 16 pp.); historical sketch in Wilmington Evening Journal, April 7, 1938.

Minutes, 1856-95, 1 vol. ; Financial, 1856-96, 1 vol. (in German); in possession of Rev. Herman G. Kuhl, 210 E. 5th St. Minutes, 1895--; 1 vol.; Baptism, 1856--, 1 vol.; in possession of Amelia Ludwig, 102 W. 25th St. Financial, 1896--, 1 vol.; in possession of Carl Mainn, 17 Lorewood Ave., Elmhurst. Sunday School, 8 vols.; Ladie's Aid Society, 1870--, 1 vol.; in possession of Alice Ludwig, 114 Ruth St. Records of incorporation and deeds; New Castle Co. Recorder's office Deeds Record; vol. V6, pp. 197 and 220; vol. V16, p. 90; vol. G17, pp. 154 and 159.

NORTHERN COLORED BAPTIST (See Index)

The colored Baptist churches in Delaware have an annual convention separate from the white congregation, although a few individual churches are members of both conventions. Such churches we have listed under the convention with which they seem to be most closely affiliated.

This colored convention, the United Baptist Convention of Delaware, Inc., belongs to the National Baptist Convention, Inc., President, Rev. L. K. Williams, D.D., 3101 S. Parkway, Ill. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives in Illinois).

46. UNITED BAPTIST CONVENTION OF DELAWARE, INC. (Colored), 1932--, 1215 Tatnall St., Wilmington.

Organized 1932 as the Delaware Baptist State Association, membership consisting of colored Baptist churches that withdrew from Delaware

Baptist State Convention (entry 25) and formed a separate colored organization. Incorporated under present name October 11, 1935. The First president and organizer was the pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, (entry 47) Rev. Arthur R. James. 1932--,

Minutes, 1932--, 1 vol.; in possession of president, Rev. Arthur R. James 1215 Tatnall St., Wilmington. Financial, 1932--/ 1 vol.; in possession of treasurer, Rev. E. C. Twyman, Newark. Record of incorporation, New Castle, Co. Recorder's office , Certificate of Incorporation, vol. T43, p. 217.

47. SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH (Colored) 1875--, 12th and Orange Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1875 under the sponsorship of the Delaware Avenue Baptist Church (entry 29) and incorporated 1876. This is the oldest colored Baptist church in Delaware, and is a member of the Philadelphia Baptist Association see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). Services were held in the Old Masonic Hall on W.12th St. until 1882 when the present building was opened and dedicated, the property having been deeded to the church in 1877. Two story brick structure. Simple Colonial style. Painting of the baptism of Christ over baptistery. First settled clergyman, Rev. Benjamin T. Moore, 1875-1928, educated at Maryland Seminary now merged with Union University. See; unknown author, Fiftieth Anniversary (Wilmington, privately published ,1925, in Mrs. A. G. Marshall, "History of Shiloh Baptist Church." Manuscript, 1935, in possession of author.

Minutes, 1906--, 2 vols.; 1906--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1906--, 3 vols.; in church safe. Sunday School, 1900--, 5 vols.; in possession of Miss Marion Scott, 1510 French St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. S10, p. 20; vol. Y10, p. 193; vol. V11, p. 31; vol. X37, p. 502.

48. MT. ENON BAPTIST CHURCH (colored), 1891--, 901 1/2 French St., Wilmington.

Organized 1891 by a group from the Shiloh Baptist Church (entry 47) . Incorporated June 29, 1899. Services held in converted residence at 2nd and Washington Sts. until 1927. Moved to Tatnall St. between 7th and 8th until 1930 when present building was opened and dedicated. One story brick structure stucco finish. First settled clergyman, Rev. Henry Holladay, 1891-1906.

Minutes, 1934--, 2 vols.; Register, 1934--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1934--; 1 vol.; in church office. Financial, 1934--, 2 vols.; in possession of secretary, Catherine Fennell, 1103 Pine St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. W17, p. 574; vol. N19, p. 359; vol. L27, P. 217; vol. B28, p. 357, vol. K30, p. 372; vol. E36, p. 597; vol. I37, p. 136.

49. EIGHTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, (Colored), 1894--, 8th and Scott Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1894, holding services in one story brick building on SW corner of 9th and Union Sts. until 1911. When present church was opened and dedicated. Two story brick structure with tower but no bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. H. C. Jones, 1894-1921; educated at Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg, Va. See: Henry P. Scott, Thirty-second Anniversary of Eighth Street Baptist Church (Wilmington, Saylor Printing co., 1926).

Minutes, 1894--, 6 vol.; Register, 1894--, 6 vols.; in possession of Clara Dickerson, 215 Lincoln St. Financial, 1894--, 6 vols.; in possession of

Edward G. Oliver, 1806 W. 8th St. Sunday School, 1896-- , vols.; in possession of Barbara Toliver, 1916 W. 8th St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. R16, p. 103; vol. S16, p. 518; vol. O18, p. 505; vol. G20, p. 148; vol. K21, p. 311; vol. E23, p. 23; vol. U24, p. 487.

50. MT. ENON BAPTIST CHURCH (Colored), 1897-- , 4th and West Sts., Milford.

Organized 1897. Services were held in a private home and also in a hall near North and Church Sts. until 1922 when the present building was purchased from trustees of St. Paul's M. E. Church, colored (entry 365). A one story frame building with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Mr. Mills, tenure unknown.

Minutes, (including Financials), 1932-- , 1 vol.; Register, 1930-- , 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1935-- , 1 vol.; in possession of treasurer, J. Graham Scott, 449 Church St.

51. PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH (Colored), 1913-- , 47 New London Ave., Newark.

Organized 1913 and incorporated October 30, 1916. Is an outgrowth of Shiloh Baptist Church (entry 47), services being held in a room across the street from present site until 1919 when present church was opened and dedicated. Remodeled in 1928. One story stucco building. First settled clergyman, Rev. E. C. Tyman, 1913--.

Minutes, (including Register and Financial) 1913-- , & vols.; in possession of Mrs. Anna Coats, 59 New London Ave. Sunday School, 1913-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Lele Brown, Ray St. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. I26, p. 326; vol. Z30, p. 75.

52. MT. BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH (colored), 1914-- , 504 Tatnall St., Wilmington.

Organized 1914, meeting in a rented room at Front and West Sts. until 1924 when they moved to present building. One story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. E. P. Corbin, 1914-22; educated at Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg, Va.

Minutes, 1914-- , 4 vols.; Register, 1914-- , 3 vols.; Financial, 1925-- , 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1925-- , 1 vol.; in church office.

53. TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH (Colored), 1917-- , 224 West St., Wilmington

Organized 1917, meeting in a two story brick dwelling at 16th and Claymont Sts. converted from church use. Incorporated November 20, 1925. In 1931 a frame structure at 14th and Claymont Sts. was occupied until 1937 when church at 709 Walnut St. was opened and dedicated. Present church was occupied in July 1938 by a newly organized group under the name of the New Hope Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Charles Henry Morrell of Philadelphia. About a month or six weeks later they combined with the Tabernacle congregation. Meetings were held in the Walnut Street church of the latter until October 9th, when they reopened the present church. Two story brick church formerly occupied by the True Vine Holy Church, Colored (entry 469). First settled clergyman, Rev. George Wilson, 1917-26.

Minutes, 1917-- , 2 vols.; Register, 1917-- , 2 vols.; Financial, 1917-- , 2 vols.; in possession of Gertrude Hill, 501 Lombard St. Sunday School, 1917-- , 2 vols.; Baptist Young People's Union, Tabernacle Missionary and Trus-

tees' Board, 1917--, 2 vols.; in possession of Evelyn Green, 1111 Short 10th St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. V33, p. 95; vol. F35, p. 405.

54. MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH (Colored), 1921--, 1118 E. St., Wilmington.

Organized 1921 when present church was opened and dedicated. Plain two story frame structure. Several memorials. First settled clergyman, Rev. Elijah E. Jones, 1921-23. See: Deacon C. L. McDowan, "History of Mt. Zion Church," manuscript, 1921.

Minutes, 1921--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1922--, 1 vol.; in possession of assistant pastor, Rev. Lucias J. Small, 1327 N. Heald St. Register, 1921--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Walter F. Henry, 310 Redfield St., West Philadelphia, Pa. Financial, 1921--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Membe Lefate, 1139 E. 14th St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. T33, p. 560; vol. U33, p. 203; vol. I40, p. 5.

55. EZION FAIR BAPTIST CHURCH (Colored), 1922--, 1230 French St., Wilmington

Organized 1922. Services held in one story frame building at 313 S. Heald St. until present building was opened and dedicated in 1927. One story frame structure. Gothic style. First settled clergyman, Rev. Jesse Givens, 1922--, educated at Theological Seminary of Florida.

Minutes, 1922--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1922--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Ozie Zuber, 1526 W. 6th St. Register, 1922--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Jesse G. Givens, 529 E. 8th St. Sunday School, 1922--, 2 vols.; in possession of Mrs. Veriel Crossan, 616 E. 7th St.

56. EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH (Colored), 1931--, 811 Walnut St., Wilmington.

Organized 1931 by a group from Mt. Enon Baptist Church (entry 48), who were dissatisfied with the management. Services held in the homes of members until the present church was opened and dedicated in 1932. Converted two story brick building. First settled clergyman, Rev. Dawson W. Hooper, 1931--; educated at Philadelphia Bible School, Philadelphia, Pa.

Minutes, 1934--, 1 vol.; Register , 1934--; 3 vols.; Financial, 1934--, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, Helen Hall, 211 E. 12th St. Sunday School, 1934--, 1 vol.; in possession of Sunday school superintendent, William C. Simmons, 920 ½ French St. Record of incorporation: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. X37, p. 427.

57. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH (Colored), 1932--, 305 E. 2nd St., Wilmington.

Organized 1932 by a group of fifty-five members of Ezion Fair Baptist Church (entry 55), who withdrew from the congregation after a disagreement. Meeting held in a two story brick building at 401 E. St. until the present church was opened and dedicated in 1934. Plain two story stone structure. Living Quarters on second floor. First settled clergyman, Rev. Samuel Simm, 1932-35.

Minutes. 1932--, 4 vols.; Register, 1932--, 4 vols.; Financial, 1932--, 4 vols.; in possession of Ralph Warren, 402 Pine St. Sunday School, 1932--, vol.; in possession of Margaret Taylor, 607 ½ Tatnall St.

58. SWEET PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH (Colored), 1935--, 436 Buttonwood St., Wilmington.

Organized 1935 when present building was opened and dedicated. Outgrowth of a Sunday school established in 1915. Converted two story dwelling with living quarters on the second floor. First settled clergyman Rev. John Huff, 1935--.

Minutes, 1935--, 1 vol.; Register, 1935--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mary Sylvester, 713 Spruce St. Sunday School, 1915--, 1 vol.; in possession of Josephine Huff, 1340 Claymont St.

59. FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH (Colored), 1936--, 400 E. 7th St., Wilmington.

Organized 1936 as a mission of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church (entry 56). Services are conducted in rented quarters. Rev. Dawson W. Hooper, pastor of Ebenezer Church serves as pastor of this congregation also.

Minutes, 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of Cornelius Coleman, 534 Walnut St. Register, 1936--. 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Dawson W. Hooper 1020 N. duPont St. Financial, 1936--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of M. Johnson, 821 Lombard St.

Unaffiliated Baptists

The following Baptist churches are not connected with any National or State convention.

60. ALPHA BAPTIST CHURCH (Colored), 1917--, Conrad St., Belvedere.

Organized 1917. Present building opened and dedicated the same year. One story frame building with belfry over entrance, and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. William Anderson, 1917-26.

Minutes, 1917--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1917--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1917--, 1 vol.; in possession of Stella Potter, Meadowbrook Ave. Register, 1917--, 1 vol.; in possession of Rev. R. Skinner, East 6th St., Wilmington. Records of incorporation and deeds; New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. K33, p. 111; vol. T33, p. 592.

61. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (Colored), 1922--, Georgetown.

Organized 1922 as a result of a series of prayer meetings held in a nearby grove. Present church opened and dedicated the same year. About one half mile east of Georgetown. One story frame structure with cornerstone bearing date and pastor's name. First settled clergyman, Rev. Charles B. Ingram, 1922--.

Minutes, 1922--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1922--, 1 vol.; in possession of Charles Wing. Register, 1922--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor Rev. Charles B. Ingram. Sunday School, 1929--, 1 vol.; in possession of Florence Trammel. Record of deeds; Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DFU225, pp. 282 and 582.

62. MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH (Colored), 1932--, Lake and Heel Sts. Middletown.

Organized in 1932 holding services in present building, an abandoned school-

house. Dedicated in 1936 after alterations. One story frame structure with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Leroy B. Draper, Catharine and Walker Sts. Financial, 1937--, 1 vol. ;Sunday School, 1932--, 1 vol.; in possession of Hanna Campbell, Catharine St.

63. RISING ZION BAPTIST CHURCH (Colored), 1933-35 (defunct), 500 Poplar St., Wilmington.

Organized 1933 holding services for the first three month in the home of the pastor. Then moved to a rented room at 202 E. 2nd and later to the above address. Converted store. Organization defunct since 1935. First settled clergyman, Rev. Richard Booker, 1933-35.
No records found.

64. HOLY TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH (Colored), 1933--, 1101 A St., Wilmington.

Organized 1933 when present building was opened and dedicated. Two story brick structure. Converted store and residence. First settled clergyman Rev. H. J. Gaines, 1933--.

Minutes, 1933--, 1 vol.; Register, 1933--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1933--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1933-- , 1 vol.; in church office.

VIII. BRETHREN (DUNKARDS)

This denomination originated in Germany in the Province of Schwarzenan in 1708, and was called The German Baptist Brethren. A small group under the leadership of Peter Becker sailed and settled in Germantown, Pa. in 1719.

Church of the Brethren (Conservative Dunkards)

Only one church of this branch of the Brethren has ever been organized in Delaware. Headquarters of the denomination are at 22 State St., Elgin, Ill. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Illinois). See: article in Wilmington Sunday Star. Aug 12, 1934 and April 4 1936.

65.WILMINGTON CHURCH OF BRETHREN, 1915--, 27 Belmont Ave. Richardson Park.

Organized 1916 as a mission of the Church of the Brethren in Germantown (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives in Pennsylvania), holding services in a rented hall at Clayton and Maple Sts. Wilmington until 1922, when building was destroyed by fire. Meetings were held in private homes for two years and then in the Community Hall in Richardson Park for two more years. Present church was opened and dedicated in 1926. One story frame building. Church incorporated July 4, 1927. First settled clergyman, Rev. Berzy Ludwick, 1922-30. See: Rev. Wilbur M. Bentz, Year Book Directory (Wilmington, H. A. Roop and Son, 1932, 20 pp.).

Minutes, 1926--, 1 vol.; in possession of Ezra Selders, 127 Matthes Ave. Register, 1926--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Murray L. Wagner 28 Belmont Ave. Financial, 1922--, 2 vols.; Sunday School, 1922--, 1 vol.; Ladies's Aid Society, 1925--, 1 vol. ; in possession of Warren G. Hank, 31 E. Summit Ave. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. T34, p. 587; vol. O35, p. 25; vol. H36, p. 55; vol. U37, p. 178.

The Brethren Church (Progressive Dunkards)

There is one church of this branch in Delaware. This group separated from the Church of the Brethren in 1881. Headquarters of the denomination are at the Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, Ohio (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Ohio).

65. MT. OLIVET BRETHREN CHURCH, 1922--, near Stockley, 6 miles south of Georgetown.

Organized 1922. Services were held in private homes and in St. Thomas Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 223). Present building was dedicated in 1928. It is a one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Isaac D. Bowman, 1928-34. Educated at the Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, Ohio.

Minutes, 1922--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1928--, 2 vols.; in possession of Rev. S. E. Christiansen. Financial, 1928--, 1 vol.; in possession of Charles E. Workman.

IX. ROMAN CATHOLIC

There seems to have been no regularly established Catholic church in Delaware prior to 1772 but there are references to services having been held in the homes of communicants of the Catholic faith long before that date. In 1730 Cornelius Hollahan, an Irish Catholic, purchased an estate called "Cuba Rock" near what is now known as Mount Cuba in Mill Creek Hundred, New Castle County. The first Catholic services in the State were probably held at his house. In 1746 a report from the rector of St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church in Middletown (entry 533) stated there were 82 Catholics in the parish at that time. A similar report, in 1751, from the Episcopal Mission at Dover refers to monthly services held nearby attended by a priest from Maryland. It is thought that the Jesuits from Bohemia Manor established a mission somewhere near Middletown, prior to 1750, known as Appoquinimink Mission but we have only vague references to it.

On January 17, 1772 a tract of two hundred eight acres on the Lancaster Pike in New Castle County was purchased by Rev. John Lewis of St. Francis Xavier's Church at Bohemia Manor (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives in Maryland and a log chapel was built on this property near Mill Creek. This Creek was then called Coffee Run and the Chapel was commonly termed the Coffee Run Church, although officially known as St. Mary's Chapel (entry 75). This church no longer exists but many of the early Catholic churches in the State trace origin to it.

The adjoining State of Maryland having been established as a Catholic State it was but natural that with the growth of population many communicants of this faith should move to Delaware. The Haitian revolution in 1792, and the long series of revolutionary disturbance in France also resulted in an influx of French Catholics, since close business relationship existed between many commercial houses in this section and business firms in these two countries. So great was the number of French emigrants that some of the early Catholic church records in this neighborhood were kept French.

Soon after the turn of the century the labors of Father Patrick Kenny, a priest of great energy and ability, who lived for many years at Coffee Run, resulted in the establishment of numerous churches not only in Delaware but in adjacent counties of Pennsylvania and Maryland.

The churches in the State were part of the Diocese of Philadelphia until 1868 by which time they had increased in number sufficiently to justify a separate diocese and the Diocese of Wilmington was therefore established. It includes all of Delaware together with the Eastern Shore Counties of Maryland and Virginia. There is also one church St. Nicholas' (entry 130) in Wilmington belonging to the Ukrainian Greek Diocese, which is part of the Roman Catholic Church.

Although many Catholic churches incorporated under the law of 1787 (vol. 2, Del. Laws , Chap. 144), the provisions of this law were not in accord with the usage of the Catholic Church and an incorporation law applying particularly to Catholic churches was finally passed April 18, 1893 (vol. 19, Del. Laws, Chap. 599). Under the provisions of this law a certificate of incorporation is filed with the County Recorder, signed by the pastor, who is president ex officio, the ordinary of the diocese (commonly the Bishop), one person appointed

by him, and two elected by male members of the congregation. Proceedings of the corporation must be registered in a record book open to any member of the congregation or ecclesiastical officers in Authority.

It is the duty of the pastor to record in a book kept for that purpose, baptisms, marriages, and deaths, together with an annual census of the parish, copies of which are sent annually to the diocesan archives. A register of confirmations is also kept. Marriages of parishioners who were not baptized in the parish must be reported to the pastor of the parish where they were baptized. The pastor is primarily responsible for the property and financial records of the parish but in incorporated churches he shares this responsibility with the other directors. An inventory of church property, income, and obligations is submitted annually to the chancellor of the diocese, to be filed in the diocesan archives.

Religious orders are not subject to diocesan control in the administration of their property but report to their own ecclesiastical authorities. However, when engaged in parochial work they report to the Bishop of the diocese receipts and expenditures in connection with such work.

A diocesan synod is held at least every ten years. The various and parishes and also the ecclesiastical orders active in the diocese are represented. In formal conferences may be called by the Bishop at more frequent intervals.

The Diocese of Wilmington is in the province of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, of which the Archbishop is the Most. Rev. Michael J. Curley, 408 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland).

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Catholic Historical Book of Delaware (Wilmington, J. V. Brennan Co., 1916).

67. DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON, 1868--, 1301 Delaware Ave., Wilmington.

Organized March 3, 1868 as the result of a proposal of the Second Plenary Council held in Baltimore in 1866. Includes the entire State of Delaware together with all the counties in Maryland and Virginia lying on the eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay, formerly parts of the dioceses of Philadelphia (see

forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania), Baltimore (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives in Maryland), and Richmond (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Virginia), respectively. Is in the province of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

First Bishop of the diocese was the Rt. Rev. Thomas A. Becker, born in Pittsburg, Pa. December 20, 1832, educated at the Collegium Urbanum of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda, Rome, and ordained June 18, 1859. He was assigned to Virginia, and later to West Virginia, and Baltimore, where he became secretary to Rt. Rev. Martin John Spalding, Archbishop of Baltimore and one of the chief secretaries of the Plenary Council. He served also as Professor of theology, ecclesiastical history, and sacred scripture at St. Mary's College Emmitsburg, Md. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland). He was Consecrated Bishop of Wilmington August 16, 1868 remaining until May 1868 when he was transferred to the Diocese of Savannah (see forthcoming Inventory of the church Archives in Georgia). He died at Washington, Georgia July 29, 1899.

He was succeeded by the Rt. Rev. Alfred A. Curtis, who was consecrated the second Bishop of Wilmington on November 14, 1868 by James Cardinal Gibbons. Bishop Curtis was born in Somerset, Md. And after studying for the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was ordained in 1859. He became a rector of Mt. Calvary Church in Baltimore (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland), but resigned in 1870 and went to England where he was received in to the Catholic Church in 1871. He returned to Baltimore and entered the seminary of St. Sulpice (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland), where he remained until ordained in 1874. Prior to his consecration as Bishop he was secretary to Cardinal Gibbons and Most Rev. James Roosevelt Bayley, Archbishop of Baltimore. He resigned in 1895 and returned to Baltimore as assistant to Cardinal Gibbons. He died July 11, 1908.

The Rt. Rev. John J. Monaghan, third Bishop of the diocese, was born in Sumter, So. Carolina, May 3, 1856 and after graduating from St. Charles', Ellicott City, Md. He entered St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland). He was ordained December 19, 1880 and consecrated Bishop of Wilmington, May 9, 1897. Due to poor health he resigned August 1, 1925, having been named Titular Bishop of Lydda, July 10, 1925. He remained in Wilmington where he died in St. Francis Hospital (entry 120) January 7, 1935. He was at that time the oldest Catholic Bishop in the United States.

The present bishop is the Most Rev. Edmond J FitzMaurice, born in Tarbert, County Kerry, Ireland, June 14, 1881. He studied at St. Brendan's College, Ireland; the College of St. Stroud, Belgium, and the North American College, Rome. He was ordained a priest May 28, 1904, coming to the United States the same year. Here he became curate at Annunciation Church, Philadelphia (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania) until 1906, then Professor of theology until 1914, and later rector at St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook (see forthcoming Inventory of the church Archives of Pennsylvania). During this same period, from 1920 to 1925, he was also chancellor of the archdiocese of Philadelphia, He was consecrated bishop of Wilmington, November 30, 1925.

Organization of this diocese is less elaborate than is usually found as the diocese is relatively small. The chancellor is the sole ecclesiastical officer, aside from the bishop, whose full time is given to the affairs of the diocese. The diocese is not incorporated but property is held in the name of the bishop in his official capacity. It is passed by deed or bequest to his successor.

Diocesan records are in the custody of the chancellor. He is charged with the duty of keeping them in a safe and convenient place under lock and key, of classifying them and keeping an index up to date with a summary of individual papers, of obtaining a signed receipt for documents withdrawn and securing their safe return and of attesting the authenticity of copies made of such documents. The Episcopal or diocesan archives contain: acts of synods, minutes of the Episcopal curia records of ordinations and matrimonial dispensations, deeds of diocesan property, parish reports, and the secret files. Documents from the Holy See are kept temporarily but each year the contents of such documents are compiled in the Official Acts of the Holy See and published in book form by the Holy See in Rome. Copies at these are kept in the library of the diocese.

The chancellor is especially charged with responsibility for the secret archives, which contain papers of a confidential nature such as the proceedings of ecclesiastical trials. The papers are burned after the passage of ten years, or sooner if the individual concerned should die within that period. An abstract of their contents is retained as a permanent record.

Although no one may enter the archives without permission of the Bishop and the chancellor, all documents contained therein are open to the inspection of anyone having a proper interest in them and copies of them may be made at the expense of the parties interested. Such copies, certified by the chancellor as authentic, are valid evidence in the court of this State (vol. 1, Del Laws, chap.17a. Property in use by individual parishes may be held in the name of the bishop, especially unincorporated parishes or missions. Where it has been possible to identify the church unit from the description in the deed we have listed such references under the church entry. All that could not be so identified are included in this entry as diocesan records.

No cathedral has as yet been built, St. Peter's Church (entry 73) serving as pro-cathedral at present. The priest in charge, Rt. Rev. Magr. John J. Dougherty, is also Vicar General of the diocese. Property on Delaware Ave. has been purchased and is held awaiting a more favorable time for the building of a cathedral.

The present Bishop of Wilmington is the Most. Rev. Edmond J. FitzMaurice, 1301 Delaware Ave. the Chancellor, Rev. John J. Sheehy, is at the same address.

Minutes (of synods and the Episcopal curia). 1868--, 1 vol. Deeds, approx. 100 documents. Register of ordination, 1870--, 1 vol. Register of matrimonial dispensations, 1868--, 3 vols. Parish reports, 1910--, 1 file cabinet. Secret archives (abstracts), 1868-1928; (original documents) 1928--, sealed envelopes in 1 file. Archives in custody of chancellor, Rev. John J. Sheehy. 1301 Delaware Ave., Wilmington. Record of deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. k6, p. 508; vol. M7, p/ 265; vol. W7, p. 322; vol. G8, p. 261; vol. K8, p/. 368; vol. V8, p. 81; vol. Z8, p. 26; vol. D9, p. 137; vol. E9, pp. 376,445, and 447; vol. F9, p. 54; vol. Y9, p. 391; vol. H10, p.223; vol. N10, p. 216; vol. O10, p. 325; vol.Z10, p. 413; vol. B11, p. 457; vol. P11, p. 487; vol. D12, p. 211; vol. G12, pp. 93 and 341; vol. Q12, p. 297; vol.R12, p. 233; vol. S12, p.246; vol. Z12, p. 348; vol. T13, p. 202; vol. X13, p. 427; vol.Y13, p. 409; vol.Z13, p. 412; vol. F14, p. 157; vol. D14, p. 358; vol. D15, p. 566; vol. H16, p.458; vol. K17, p. 183; vol. L17, p.382; vol. K20, p. 338; vol.C21, p. 556; vol. K21, p. 396; vol. M21, p. 243; vol. X21, pp. 59 and 204; vol. Z21, p. 39; vol. R22, p. 415; vol. N24, p. 478; vol. Z29, p. 504; vol. Y29, p. 433; vol. I31, p. 329; vol. U32, p. 561; vol. B34, pp. 433 and 541; vol. C34, p. 132; vol. E34, pp. 43 and 100; vol. I34, p. 459; vol. P34, p. 479.

68. SETON VILLA (ST. PETER'S FEMALE ORPHAN ASYLUM), 1830-- , NW Cor. 6th and West Sts., Wilmington. (Moved to Bellefonte)

Organized 1830 in charge of the Sisters of Charity from St. Joseph's, Emmitsburg, Md. The first site was a small dwelling, located at 3rd and West Sts. where they remained but a short time, later moving to the present site. In 1840 a boarding school was opened in conjunction with the orphanage.

Later a free school for girls was added, which was continued until 1925, when the modern St. Peter's Parochial School (entry 74) was built. Some of the orphans now attend the parochial school while the others are taught at the home. Present building dedicated 1873. A three story brick structure. Additions and improvements have been made from time to time. The orphanage supported by the diocese. See: Centenary of St. Peter's Asylum (Wilmington, privately printed, 1930).

Register included in register of St. Peter's Church (entry 73). Other records kept by the Catholic Welfare Guild (entry 72). Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Private Acts Record; vol. A1, p. 137; vol. C1, pp. 218, 219; Deeds Record; vol. I5, p. 77; vol. B12, p. 74; Certificate of Incorporation; vol. Z1, p. 339.

69. PONTIFICAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH, 1868-- , SE Cor. 5th and Orange Sts. Wilmington.

This is a world wide organization, the local branch being as old as the Diocese, 1868. The purpose of the organization is to collect money for the support and maintenance of missions both at home and abroad. A branch of the society is maintained in each diocese under direction of the national headquarters at 109 E. 38th St., New York (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives in New York).

Membership record (including contributions), 1933-- , 1 vol.; in possession of diocesan director, Rev. T. Eugene Stout, 1414 King St. Yearly reports made to the bishop.

70. ST. JAMES' PROTECTORY (Male), 1879-- , (Reybold) R. F. D. Delaware City.

Organized 1879 as part of St. James' Chapel (now St. Ann's Entry 86). Conducted by the Sisters of St. Francis. Until 1887 when the present building was dedicated the home was located at Lovering Ave. and duPont St., Wilmington. The grounds on which the home is situated consist of 96 acres, part of which is used for farming. Children are admitted through the Catholic Welfare Guild (entry 72). The Sisters conduct a grammar school of eight grades. A private chapel for the use of the Sisters and children was donated by Miss Eliza Andrews. The orphanage is supported by the diocese. Rev. Francis J. Desmond is Chaplain.

Records are kept by the Catholic Welfare Guild (entry 72). Records of deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. D14, p. 567; vol. Z15, p. 170; vol. M21, p. 449; Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBY124, p. 517.

71. CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON, 1928-- , 1301 Delaware Ave., Wilmington.

Organized and incorporated February 20, 1928 for the promotion of the Catholic religion, education, and charity in the diocese of Wilmington. In-

corporators included the bishop, several of the leading priests, and prominent Catholic laymen. Several pieces of property are held in the name of this corporation, including a plot at Delaware and Grant Aves. Intended as the Cathedral site.

Records are included with those of the diocese, (entry 67). Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Certificate of Incorporation; vol. Y27, p.162; Deeds Record; vol. T35, p. 291; vol. C36, p. 108; vol. Z39, p. 520.

72. CATHOLIC WELFARE GUIDE, 1932--, SE cor. 5th and Orange Sts. Wilmington.

Organized 1932 by the Diocese of Wilmington. Its purpose is to care for dependant children and to aid families through the St. Vincent de Paul Societies of the various parishes. Finds to carry on this work are secured through the sale of discarded clothing and merchandise collected by the organization in the diocese. A store for this purpose is conducted by the guild. First store opened at St. 915 Tatnall St. 1932-34, then at 10 E. 15th St., 1934-38. Present store opened 1938. First director, Rev. Roderick B. Dwyer, 1932-34.

Historical and chronological record of each case, 1932--, filed in 4 drawer letter size file cabinet. Insurance record (for employees), 1935--, 1 vol. Financial record, 1934--, 1 vol. Kept in guild office in charge of director, Rev. T. Eugene Stout. Records of St. Peter's Female Orphan Asylum (entry 68) and St. James' Protectory (entry 70) included with those of the guild.

73-74. ST. PETER'S PARISH, Wilmington, 1816--.

73. ST. PETER'S CHURCH – (PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON,1868--,) 1816--, 6th and West Sts. Wilmington.

Organized in 1816. Incorporated in 1820. It is the oldest Catholic Church in Wilmington, and is the pro-Cathedral of the diocese, no Cathedral having been built yet. The building started in 1816 was completed and dedicated in 1818. Alternations and Additions were made in 1905 and the building rededicated. It is a one story brick structure with tower and bell. Romanesque style. Inside the main entrance are tow brass inscriptions, memorials to bishops Becker and Curtis. First settled clergyman, Rev. Patrick Kenny. 1816-40; educated at the College of St. Sulpice, Paris, France. The present rector is Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Dougherty. See: Catholic Historical Book of Delaware Issued in commemoration of one hundredth anniversary (Wilmington, J. V. Brennan Co., 1916).

Minutes, 1916--, vol.; Register, including register of St. Peter's Female Orphan Asylum (baptisms, marriages, deaths), 1816--, 6 vols.; (confirmation), 1870--, 3 vols.; Parish Census, 1900--, 4 vols.; Financial, 1916--, 1vol.; Book of Announcements, 1900--, 3 vols.; at rectory, 500 West St. See also: Register of St. Mary's Church (entry 75), Sunday School, 1876--, 6 vols.; in possession of Sister Superior of the Sisters of Charity, 601 West St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds record; vol. Z3, p. 533; vol. I4, pp/ 92 and 354; vol. Y4, p. 500; vol. F6, p. 322; vol. H6, p. 172, vol. O6, p. 196; vol. X14, p. 164; vol. B15, p. 553; vol. K16, p. 141; vol. F17, p.32, vol. E19. p. 501; vol. D20, p. 326; vol. E20, pp. 14 and 330; vol. F20, p. 280; vol. G20, p/ 345; vol. U22, p. 139; vol. P23. p. 402; vol. E28, p. 441; vol. O32, p. 330; vol. G34, p. 416; vol. I34. p. 564; vol. N39, p. 592; vol. S39, p. 240; vol. E40, p. 390; vol. R40, p. 189.

74. ST. PETER'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, 1839--, 6th and Tatnall Sts. Wilmington.

Organized 1839 and for a number of years conducted by Lay-teachers. During Bishop Becker's tenure the Sisters of St. Francis were placed in charge. About 1903 they were replaced by the Sisters of Charity who also conduct St. Peter's Orphanage (entry 680. The first school was adjoining the church. Until 1925, when the present building was dedicated, only boys attended the school, the girls of the parish being thought at the orphanage. Present building is a two story brick structure.

Attendance record 1925--, card file, in school office in charge of Sister Superior. Record of incorporation of Sisters of Charity of St. Peter's School; New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Certificate of Incorporation, vol. Z1, p.339.

75. ST MARY'S CHURCH, 1772-1884--; (defunct), Lancaster Pike, Coffee Run, Hockessin.

This Church, organized in 1772, was an outgrowth of service held in private homes over a period of about forty years. Best of these services were at "Cuba Rock" the home of Cornelius Hollahan, one of the leading members of the community and were conducted by priests sent from Maryland. One of these, Rev. Matthais Manners, known as Matthew Sittensperger, S. J. settled on a farm on Coffee Run which had been purchased by Rev. John Lewis of St. Francis Xavier's Mission at Bohemia Manor (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland). There is some doubt as to his tenure of office or his successor. Towards the close of the century many French Catholics arrived in Delaware fleeing from the revolutions in Haiti and France. Among them were priests who were made welcome at "Cuba Rock". Rev. Stephen Faure served the church during at least a part of this period, some of the church records having been written by him in French. The first church building is said to have been erected in 1790. Also the first chapel is reputed to have been a log structure. But there is reason to believe the church built in 1790 was a frame building on a stone foundation and it seems unlikely priests would have been stationed there for eighteen years with no chapel. It is therefore probable that a log chapel existed at Coffee Run soon after 1772. The church built in 1780 was re-roofed in 1822 and rebuilt about 1850. In 1805, Rev. Patrick Kenny took charge and seven years later built a large stone rectory. The latter is still standing and marble stone set in the wall bears the inscription "P. K". There are also a stone barn and spring house thought to have been built by Father Kenny. During this pastorate he was very active in establishing missions not only in Delaware but in adjacent counties of Pennsylvania and Maryland. Although the church he served no longer exists many others stand today as monuments to his labor. Before his death in 1840 he became Vicar General for Delaware of the Philadelphia Diocese (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). Some of the churches he established were found to be more conveniently located as the population increased and services at Coffee Run became irregular until in 1884 St. Mary's Church was closed. The property has since passed to private hands and in 1908 the building was razed. Little remains to mark its site but a few headstones bearing dates that show the burial ground must have been established as early as 1786, and a marble slab covering Father Kenny's grave. By the roadside stands a marker erected by the Historic markers Commission of Delaware. First settled clergyman pastor Matthais Manners, S. J., 1772--.

Minutes (including register0, 1784-1884, loose sheets; in possession of Bishop of Wilmington, 1301 Delaware Ave. Register (baptism, 1796-1834; marriages, 1797-1835), 1 vol.; in safe, at rectory of St. Peter's Church, 500 West St. Records of deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Z1, p. 484; vol. I3, p. 62.

76-77. ST. PETER'S PARISH, NEW CASTLE, 1806--.

76. ST PETER'S CHURCH, 1806--, 5th St., New Castle.

Organized 1806. Incorporated in 1821. First worshipped in small brick church on present site. Present building dedicated 1876. Rectory was added in 1906. The building is a two story brick structure of Gothic style. In 1896 a three thousand pound bell was installed and consecrated. First settled clergyman, Rev. Matthais Cobbin, 1854-64.

Minutes, 1844--, 3 vols.; Register (baptisms, including record of converts; marriages). 1844--, 4 vols.; (confirmation), 1906--, 3 vols.; Parish Census, annual; Financial, 1929--, 1 file of annual reports, Blessed Virgin Sodality, 1894--, 1 vol.; at rectory 35 E. St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. F3, p. 11; vol. X3, p. 624; vol. Y3, p. 225; vol. B8, p. 91; vol. Q10, p. 22; vol. S10, p. 414; vol. N12, p. 321; vol. B15, pp. 571 and 581; vol. W15, p. 14; vol. I16, p. 495; vol. Q16, pp. 101 and 105; vol. R16, p. 16; vol. K19, p. 46; vol. B24, p. 285; vol. O25, p. 195.

77. ST. PETER'S PARCCHIAL SCHOOL, 1906--, 32 E. 5th St., New Castle.

Organized 1906, in charge of the Sisters of St. Francis. It is conducted both as a grade and high school. Present building dedicated 1906. A two story brick structure.

Attendance record, 1906--, card file, in possession of Sister Superior at the convent, 5th and Delaware Sts.

78-79. ST JOSEPH'S PARISH, Henry Clay, 1841--,

78. ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, 1841--, 10 Church Rd. Henry Clay.

Organized 1841. Incorporated 1882. It is an outgrowth of a mission established by St. Mary's Church of Coffee Run (entry 750. From 1841-1842 services were held in St. Mary's Church. Present building dedicated 1842. A tower was added in 1890. It is a one story stone structure, of Gothic style with steeple, cross, and bell. A cemetery adjoins the churchyard. First settled clergyman, Rev. John S. Walsh, 1846-67.

Minutes, 1842. 1 vol.; Register (baptisms, including record of converts; confirmations, including record of first communion, marriages, deaths). 1842--, card index, at rectory. Blessed Virgin Sodality, 1868--, 1 vol.; in possession of Catherine Clark, Rising Sun Lane and Buck Road. Record of Tombstone Inscriptions in churchyard, prepared by the Historical records Survey, in State Archives. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. N5 p. 389; vol. Q12, p. 585; vol. L13, p. 407; vol. H16, p. 466; vol. K16 pp. 190 and 406; vol. N16, P16, p. 391; vol. T16, p. 154.

79. ST. JOSEPH'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, 1850--, Church Rd., Henry Clay.

Organized 1850 in charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph. In 1870 the Sisters of St. Francis assumed charge and have taught here ever since. Present building dedicated 1850. Rebuilt 1889. A two story structure, stucco finish. Attendance record, 1916--, card file; in convent, in charge of Sister Superior.

80. ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1850--, Main and Church Sts., Newark.

Organized 1850 as St. Patrick's Church. Present name adopted in 1883. Monthly services were conducted in the homes of members by Father Sarentine, a French missionary, until 1866 when the building previously used by the Village Presbyterian Church (entry 499) was purchased. Present building dedicated 1883. One story brick structure with stained glass windows, cornerstone, steeple, and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. William Blake, 1866-76; educated at St. Mary's Seminary, Childs, Md.

Minutes, 1890--, 1 vol.; Register 1891--, (baptisms, including records of converts), 1 vol. (confirmations), 1 vol.; (marriages), 1 vol.; (members), 1 vol.; (deaths), 1 vol.; Financial, 1891--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Eugene J. Kramer, 14 N. Chapel St. Transcript of Register, 1861-90, (baptisms), 1 vol.; (marriages), 1 vol. in possession of Rev. Peter Paul Arnd, Elkton, Md. Original vols. Were destroyed. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. C17, p. 18; vol. N39, p. 400.

81. ST PAUL'S CHURCH, 1852--, Henry and Washington Sts., Delaware City.

Organized 1852. Worshipped in one story brick structure on William St. 1852-1904. Present building on Washington St. dedicated 1904. It is a one story brick structure with belfry and bell. English Gothic style. First settled clergyman, Rev. John E. Dolan, 1927--,

Minutes 1927--, 1 vol.; Register (baptisms including record of converts), 1856--, 3 vols.; (confirmation, including record of communion), 1889--, 1 vol.; (marriages), 1855--, 3 vols.; Financial, 1904--, 1 vol.; at rectory, Washington St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. X6, p. 174; vol. X12, p. 347; vol. Z17, p. 528; vol. G19, p. 337; vol. C29, p. 393; vol. N 38, p. 506.

82-83. ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, Wilmington, 1857--,

82. ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, 1857--, 6th and Pine Sts., Wilmington.

Organized and building dedicated in 1857. Incorporated in 1877 as St. Mary's Church. It is a two story brick building of German Gothic style. The tower contains the largest bell in Wilmington. Incorporated under present name in 1894. First settled clergyman, Rev. Patrick Reilly, 1858-85; educated at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md.

Minutes, 1858--, 4 vols.; Register (baptisms including record of converts). 1857--, 6 vols.; (confirmations), 1857--, 3 vols.; (marriages), 1857--, 4 vols.; (deaths), 1857--, 4 vols.; (first communion), 1857--, 4 vols.; Parish Census 1933--, card index; Burial Permits, 1857--, 3 vols.; Financial, 1857--, 3 vols.;

Holy Name Society, 1890--, 2 vols.; at rectory 602 E. 6th St. Records prior to 1885 in German. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. V10, p.171; vol. W10, p. 144; vol. B11, p. 76; vol. L16, p. 237; vol. S23, p. 91; vol. U23, p. 8; vol. F24, p. 269; vol. L26, p. 501.

83. ST. MARY'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, Lord and Pine Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1867 in charge of Sisters in St. Joseph. In 1868 the Sisters were replaced by lay-teachers. The school was soon discontinued and the building rented to the Board of Public Education. In 1887 the school was re-opened in charge of Sisters of St. Francis. Present building dedicated 1867. A three story brick structure.

Attendance record, 1908--, card file, in school office in charge of Sister Superior.

84-85. SACRED HEART PARISH, Wilmington, 1857--.

84. SACRED HEART CHURCH, 1857--, 917-25 Madison St., Wilmington

This church had its origin in a mission established by St. Mary's Church (entry 82) to fill the needs of the German Catholic of the vicinity. From 1857 to 1875 services were held in St. Mary's College Chapel. In 1874 the cornerstone of present building was laid. The basement of this building was used from August, 1875 until 1883 when the entire building was opened and dedicated. It is a two story brick structure of Romanesque style, having a tower and bell. The tower is topped by a large copper cross covered with gold enamel. First settled clergyman, Rev. Wendelin Mayer, 1873-81; educated at St. Vincent College, Beattie, Pa. See: Rev. Leonard Walter, "Founding of Sacred Heart Church", manuscript in church safe.

Minutes, 1891--, 2 vols.; Register (baptisms, including record of converts, confirmation, including record of first communions, marriages, deaths); 1875--, 7 vols.; Parish Census, 1875--, 1 card index; Financial 1875--, 7 vols.; Sunday School, 1875--, 4 vols.; Book of Announcements, 1875--, 5 vols.; Requiem Mass record 1875--, 1 vol.; Burial Permits, 1875--, yearly form at rectory, 917 Madison St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Private Acts Record; vol. B1, p. 399; vol. E1, p. 399; Deeds Record; vol. C11, p. 204; vol. D15, pp. 293 and 561.

85. SACRED HEART PAROCHIAL SCHOOL. 1874--, 10th and Monroe Sts. Wilmington.

Organized 1874 in charge of Sisters of St. Benedict. From 1874 to 1898 classes were conducted in the basement of the church. Present building dedicated 1898. A two story brick structure. Attendance and Scholarship record, 1818--, vol.; in possession of Rev. Innocent Boss, 917 Madison St.

86-87. ST. ANN'S PARISH, Wilmington, 1868--.

86. ST. ANN'S CHURCH, 1868--, Gilpin Ave. and Union St. Wilmington.

Organized in 1868 as St. James' Chapel responsible directly to the diocese. In 1870, it became a parish church. Services were held in a frame building at Lovering Ave. and DuPont St. This property was sold to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in 1887. The basement of the new building, present St. Ann's was

dedicated in December of 1887. The upper church was built and dedicated in 1892. Incorporated under present name on January 7, 1894. In 1934 the church was altered and the nave moved to the ground floor. It is now a one story stone structure with a tower. Neo-Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. John A. Hagan, 1870-?. See: Paul Dougherty St. Ann's Rededication (Wilmington, Star Publishing Co., 1934).

Minutes, 1887--, 2 vols.; Register (baptisms, marriages), 1868- 87, 1 vol.; (baptisms, including record of converts), 1887--, 3 vols.; (confirmations), 1887--, 1 vol.; (marriages). 1887--, 2 vols.; (death), 1887--, 3 vols.; Financial, 1887--, 1 vol.; Burial Permits, 1887--,1 vol. ; Parish Census, 1887--, card index; Marriage Arrangement Book, 1887--, 1 vol.; Holy Name Society, 1900--, 1 vol.; Blessed Virgin Sodality, 1900-, 1 vol.; at rectory, 2013 Gilpin Ave. First Communions, 1887--, 3 vols.; at convent, Shallcross and Grant Aves. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. W13, p. 239; vol. K16, p. 390; vol. P16, p. 107.

87. ST. ANN'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, 1899--, Shallcross Ave. and Union St., Wilmington.

Organized 1899, in charge of the Sisters of St. Francis who taught here continuously. Present building dedicated 1899. A two story brick structure.

Attendance and Scholarship record, 1899-, 1 vol.; in possession of Sister Superior in the convent, Shallcross and Grant Ave.

88. MONASTERY OF THE VISITATION B. V. M., 1868--, Gilpin and Bayard Aves., Wilmington.

The Sisters of the Visitation came to Wilmington in 1868 and founded a school for girls known as the Academy of the Visitation. The academy was started in the building previously occupied by St. Mary's College which was located on Delaware Ave. between Jefferson and Madison Sts. They remained here until 1871 when they moved to Delaware Ave. and Harrington St. In 1893 the school was discontinued and the Sisters of the Visitation retired to a cloistered life. A private Chapel is maintained and the chaplain is the Rev. Louis Jacquier. The present building was consecrated in 1893. A three story stone structure surrounded by a stone wall. The ground on which the monastery is located covers an entire city block; Grant to Bayard and Shallcross to Gilpin Ave.

Annals, 1868--, 2 vols.; General Records, 1868--, 3 vols.; Financial, 1868--, 6 vols.; in Monastery office in charge of Sister Superior. Records of incorporation: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Private Acts Record, vol. D1. p. 222; Certificate of Incorporation; vol. C2. pp. 418, 420, and 423.

89-90. ST. PAUL'S PARISH, Wilmington, 1870--.

89. ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, 1870--, 4th and Jackson Sts., Wilmington.

Organized in 1870 by St. Peter's Church (entry 73) to accommodate the parishioners in the western section of the city. First services were held in 1871 in a brick building on the present site. Incorporated in 1887. In 1917 the present building was dedicated. It is a stone structure of Romanesque design having a tower and bell. The building has an upper and lower nave. First settled clergyman, Rev. Martin X. Fallon, 1871-80; educated at Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md.

Minutes, 1870--, 2 vols.; Register, 1870--, (baptisms, including record of converts), 2 vols.; (confirmation, including record of first communions), 2 vols.; (marriages), 2 vols./ (deaths), 2 vols.; Parish Census, 1870--, card index; Financial, 1870--, annual reports; Book of Announcements, 1870-- , 5 vols.; Holy Name Society, 1870--, 2 vols.; Blessed Virgin Sodality, 1870--, 2 vols.; at rectory, 301 N. Jackson St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Y19, p. 89; vol. L16, p. 56; vol. O16, p. 199; vol. B19, p. 364; vol. X19, p. 409; vol. R20 p. 299; vol. X38, p. 201.

90. ST. PAUL'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, 1887--, 4th and VanBuren St., Wilmington.

Organized 1887 in charge of Sisters of St. Francis. Classes were conducted in the basement of the church until the present building was dedicated in 1888. A two story brick structure.

Attendance and Scholarship record, 1905--, card file: in school office in charge of the Sister Superior.

91. HOLY CROSS CHURCH, 1870--, S. Bradford St., Dover.

Organized 1890. Previous to building of church, services were conducted in private homes. Present building dedicated 1870. A one story brick structure covered with cement. Steeple and bells. Gothic style. First settled clergyman, Rev. Edward Ignatius Taylor, 1870-78.

Minutes, 1924--, 2 vols.; Register (baptisms), 1870--, 1 vol.; (confirmations), 1870--, 1 vol.; (marriages), 1870--, 1 vol.; (deaths), 1923--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1923--, 1 vol.; at rectory, S. Bradford St. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. T7, p. 354; vol. W12, p. 368; Mortgage Record, H5, p. 324.

92. ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, 1857--, Cochran St., Middletown.

Organized 1875 as an outgrowth of St. Francis Xavier's Church near Warwick, Md. St. Francis Xavier's (Old Bohemia Church), and St. Rose's Church, Chesapeake City, Md. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland), are now missions of St. Joseph's Church. Services were held in private homes and in the town hall until present building was dedicated in 1883. It is a one story frame structure with a spire and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. John B. Gaffney, S. J. , 1883-85; Jesuit from Old Bohemia.

Minutes, 1883--, 1 vol.; Register, 1883--, (baptisms , including record of converts), 1 vol. (confirmations), 1 vol.; (marriages), 1 vol.; (death),; 1 vol.; Financial, 1883--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1883--, 1 vol.; at rectory, Cochran St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. X12, p. 273; vol. P13, p. 522; vol. Y13, p. 381; vol. O20, p. 442; vol. O36, p. 83.

93-95. ST. PATRICK'S PARISH, Wilmington, 1881--.

93. ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, 1881--, 15th and King Sts., Wilmington.

Organized and incorporated 1881. Services were held in a shed near present site until the church was opened and dedicated in December of 1881. It is a

two story brick structure, of Romanesque and Gothic Style. The tower contains a bell of nearly two tons weight. First settled clergyman, Rev. Martin X. Fallon, 1881-85; educated at Mount Mary's College and Seminary, Emmitsburg Md.

Minutes, 1895--, 1 vol.; Register (baptism, including record of converts), 1881--, 4 vols.; (confirmations), 1881--, 2 vols.; (marriages), 1881 2 vols.; (deaths), 1885--, 1 vol.; (first communions), 1915--, 1 vol.; Parish Census, 1881--, 1 vol.; Burial Permits, 1885--, 2 vols.; book of Announcements, 1881--, (loose-leaf), nearly complete; Financial, 1926--, 1 vol.; 1881-1926, yearly reports: Holy Name Society , 1901--, 1 vol.; Sacred Heart Sodality, 1895-1905, 1 vol.; Blessed virgin Sodality, 1905--, 1 vol.; St. Vincent dePaul Society, 1893-1903, 1 vol.; at rectory, 1414 King St. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. D12, p. 131; vol. E12, p. 461; vol. I15, p. 305; vol. N16, p. 559; vol. O16, p. 413; vol. U16, p. 223; vol. X16, p. 32; vol. S22, p. 441; vol. T33, p. 345; vol. V23, p. 489; vol. V34, p.87.

94. ST PATRICK'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, 1888--, 14th and French Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1888, in charge of the Sisters of St. Francis. Until 1895, when the present building was dedicated, classes were conducted in the basement of the church. Present building enlarged in 1913. A three story brick structure.

Attendance and Scholastic record, 1900--, card file; in convent in charge of Sister Superior.

95. CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER, 1927--, 16th and Thatcher Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1927 as a mission of St. Patrick's parish (entry 93). The building formerly public school No. 26, was dedicated 1927. It is a two story brick building with a cross above the entrance. See: Rev. James L. McSweeney, record of establishment of chapel, in minute book of St. Patrick's, 1927.

No separate records are kept. Record of Deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. V34, p. 87.

96. ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, 1881--, Ashland.

Organized and incorporated September 17, 1881. Building dedicated 1883. It is an outgrowth of St. Mary's Church at Coffee Run (entry 75). The building is a one story frame structure. Present pastor Rev. James M. Grant, serves both this church and St. John's Church, Hockessin (entry 97). First settled clergyman, who served also St. John's Rev. Peter Donaghy 1883-87.

Minutes, 1917--, 1 vol.; Register, 1883--, (baptisms. including record of converts), 1 vol.; (confirmations), 1 vol.; (marriages), 1 vol.; (members), 1 vol. (deaths), 1 vol.; Financial, 1883--, 1 vol.; at rectory of St. John's Church, Valley Rd. Hockessin. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. D12, pp. 211 and 386; vol. G12, p. 93; vol. I16, p. 166; vol. N16, p. 285.

97. ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, 1884, Valley Rd. Hockessin.

Organized 1884 as an outgrowth of St. Mary's Church at Coffee Run (entry 75).

Present building was dedicated 1884. Incorporated January 7, 1894. It was remodeled in 1932. It is a two story stucco structure with tower and bell. First settled clergyman, who also served St. Patrick's Church, Ashland (entry 96), Rev. Peter Donaghy, 1884-87. Present pastor Rev. James M. Grant, serves both this church and St. Patrick's Church. There is also a station of this church at the Brandywine Sanitorium, Marshallton.

Minutes, 1917--, 1 vol.; Register, 1884--, (baptisms, including record of converts), 1 vol.; (confirmation), 1 vol.; (marriages), 1 vol.; (members), 1 vol.; at rectory, Valley Road. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. I16, p. 165; vol. N16, p. 293; vol. O16, p. 184; vol. Y22, p. 711 vol. Z34, p. 6.

98-99. ST. HEDWIG'S PARISH, (Polish), Wilmington, 1887--,

98. ST. HEDWIG'S CHURCH (Polish), 187--, Linden and Harrison Sts. Wilmington.

Organized 1887 by the Benedictine Fathers of Sacred Heart Church (entry 84) where a separate Mass was said for them until 1892. In that year the Benedictine Fathers erected a two story brick structure on Linden St. opposite from the present site. They remained in charge until 1896 when secular priest, Rev. John S. Gules, the present pastor, was secured for the parish. Incorporated under the present name January 8, 1898 and in the same year the deed to this property was transferred to them. Present building opened and dedicated 1904. A two story brick structure. English Gothic style. The three steepled towers contain four bells. This is the only church in Wilmington with a groined ceiling. The church organ was presented to the church by Andrew Carnegie, this being the only Catholic church in the city to receive such a gift. Congregation is largely Polish. First settled clergyman, Rev. Leo Szczepanski, 1890-94; educated at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore and Irving University, Rome, Italy. See: Anthony Liebert, and historical sketch (1904); Rev. John S. Gulez, History of St. Hedwig's Church (New York, E. Brickman and Sons, 1904).

Minutes , 1904--, 1 vol.; Register, 1887--, (baptisms) 5 vols.; (confirmations), 1 vol. (marriages), 2 vols.; (members); 2 vols.; (deaths), 1 vol.; Communion Record, 1905--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1887--, 2 vols.; at rectory, 408 S. Harrison St. Sunday School, 1897 --, 2 vols.; in possession of Sisters of the Felician Order, Linden and Harrison Sts. Records of Incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. D15, p. 293; vol. D15, p. 561; vol. N17, p. 397; vol. P17, pp. 108-111; vol. X20. p. 138; vol. K21, p. 48; vol. G23, p. 231; vol. B27, p. 126; vol. H27, p. 492; vol. I37, p. 386; vol. X39, p. 233.

99. ST. HEDWIG'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, 1897--, Linden and Harrison Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1897, in charge of Sisters of the Felician Order. Classes were conducted on the first floor of the original church until 1904 when the present church was erected. The entire building at the old church was then used for classrooms. Part of this old building is still in use for school purposes. Present building dedicated 1924. A two story brick structure.

General registration, 1911--, 3 vols.; Attendance record, 1926--, 189 small vols. (separate vol. yearly for each class): in school office in charge of Sister Superior.

100-102. ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, Wilmington, 1889--,

100. ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH (Colored), 1889--, 1012 French St., Wilmington.

Organized 1889. Until opening and dedication of the church in 1890, services were held in the basement of St. Mary's Church (entry 82). The church is a one story brick structure of Gothic style. Additions were made in 1895 and 1934. St. Joseph's Orphanage was part of this organization from 1890-1928, when it was discontinued and a parochial school for colored children was established. St. Joseph's League and Archconfraternity was established in March 1895. Its membership, comprising both white and colored, contributed to the support of this institution and now assist in the Mission work for colored. First settled clergyman, Rev. John A. DeRuyter, S. S. J., 1889-96; educated at St. Joseph's Seminary at Millhill, England.

Minutes, 1890--, 2 vols.; Register (including baptisms, confirmations deaths at orphanage), 1890--, (baptisms including record of converts), 1 vol.; (confirmations, including record of first communions), 1 vol.; (marriages), 1 vol.; (deaths), 1 vol.; Parish Census, 1890--, 1 card file; Book of Announcements (incomplete), 1890--, 1 vol.; Burial Permits, 1890--, yearly form; Financial, 1890--, 2 vols.; Sunday School, 1933--, 1 vol.; Immaculate Conception, Sodality, 1905--, 2 vols.; at rectory, 1012 French St. Record of incorporation: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Certificate of Incorporation, vol. F3, p. 133.

101. ST. JOSEPH'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL (Colored), 11th and French Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1890 in charge of Sisters of St. Francis. Until 1928, classes were conducted under the Sacristy of the Church. In that year St. Joseph's Home for colored boys was closed and the building remodeled for a school house. Some boys from the home were transferred to St. Joseph's Industrial School (entry 104), Clayton. Present building dedicated 1928. A three story brick structure.

Attendance record, 1910-18, 1925-28 (2929-24 no entries), 1 vol.; 1928--, 1 card file. Vol. in rectory. File in school office in charge of Sister Superior.

102. BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH (Colored), 1936--, 712 Scott St., Wilmington.

Organized as a mission of St. Joseph's Church. Building opened and dedicated in 1936. It is a one story stuccoed building. The church is served by priests from St. Joseph's Church.

Minutes, 1936--, 1 vol.; Register, 1936--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1936--, 1 vol.; at rectory of St. Joseph's Church, 1012 French St.

103. URSULINE ACADEMY, 1893--, 1106 Pennsylvania Ave., Wilmington.

Founded 1893 by Sisters of the Ursuline Order as a boarding and day school for girls. Incorporated 1895. The curriculum comprises kindergarten, elementary, and secondary courses. The School first occupied the building at Delaware Ave. and Harrison St. previously occupied by the Visitation Academy (entry 88). In 1924 the present building for nuns and resident students was dedicated and in 1926 the present school and auditorium were dedicated. The

buildings in Kent architecture are brick structures. The convent and residence hall are in a building of three stories and the school and auditorium in a two story structure. A private chapel is maintained for the sisters and students. The Chaplain is Rev. John J. Sheehy.

Minutes, 1893--; Register (confirmations, members, deaths), 1893--; Financial, 1893--; in charge of Mother Superior. Information as to number of vols. Of records refused. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Private Act's Record; vol. E1, p. 571; Certificate of Incorporation; vol. R19, p.118; Deeds Record; vol. R22, p. 415; vol. U32, p. 561.

104-105. ST JOSEPH'S PARISH, Clayton, 1895--.

106-□. ST. JOSEPH'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, (Colored), 1895--, on Highway 6, Clayton.

Organized 1895 through the efforts of the Rev. John A. DeRuyter, S. S. J., a member of the Josephite Fathers and pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Wilmington (entry 100). It is an Industrial School for colored boys and is incorporated under the title of St. Joseph's Society for Colored Missions of Delaware. A band is conducted by the school and many of the boys are taught to play musical instruments. In addition to the grade school maintained for the boys, they have an opportunity to learn various trades such as painters, printers, carpenters, bakers, cooks and cobblers. The priests are assisted in conducting the school by the Sisters of St. Francis. The school is situated on a large plot of ground, part of which is used for farming. Abandoned colored boys in New Castle County are committed to the care of the society (Del. Laws, vol. 19, Chap. 638). See: St. Anthony's Monthly (Clayton, privately printed, 1898--,), sketch of school and chapel in St. Anthony's Monthly (May, 1920__.

Register (baptisms), 1895--, 2 vols.; (confirmations), 1895--, 2 vols.; (marriage), 1895--, 2 vols.; (members), 1895--, Yearly reports; (deaths), 1895--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1895, 12 vols.; Sunday School, informal records kept by the individual teachers; in rectory safe (including records of chapel). Records of incorporation and deeds; New Castle Co. Recorder's office: Deeds Record; vol. G19, pp. 525,530 and 537; vol. U21, p. 277; Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. M12, p. 495.

105. ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL, 1895--, on Highway 6, Clayton.

Organized 1895 in conjunction with St. Joseph's Industrial School. First services were held in one of the schoolrooms until 1896 when the present chapel was dedicated. In addition to the services conducted for the boys of the school, the church also serves as a place of worship for the white Catholics living in the vicinity. A Sunday school is also conducted for white children. The founder and first pastor Rev. John A. DeRuyter, S. S. J., 1895-95, died before the chapel was erected; educated at St. Joseph's Seminary at Millhill, England.

Records of chapel are included with those of the school.

106-107. ST. THOMAS' PARISH, Wilmington 1902--.

106. ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, 1902--, 4th St. and Bancroft Pkwy. Wilmington.

Organized 1902 as an outgrowth of St. Paul's Church (entry 89) to serve

the needs of the parishioners of the Western part of the city. Incorporated May 26, 1904. A frame building on present site was used from 1902 to 1903. Until 1926, when present building was dedicated, a three story brick building on same site was used. Present building is one story white stone structure with steeple, bell, and stained glass windows. English Gothic style. First settled clergyman, Rev. John J. Connelly, 1902-25; educated at St. Charles' College, Baltimore, and at Rome< Italy. See: Rev. John N. Dougherty, Monthly Bulletin and Calendar (Wilmington, Star Publishing Co.).

Minutes, 1903--, 2 vols.; Register (baptisms including record of convert), 1902--, 4 vols.; (Confirmations), 1903--, 1 vol.; (marriages), 1902--, 2 vols.; (deaths), 1902--, 2 vols.; (first communions), 1902--, 2 vols.; Burial Permits, 1903--, 1 vol.; Book of Announcements, 1903--, 3 vols.; Financial, 1902--, 2 vols.; Holy Name Society, 1905--, 1 vol.; Blessed Virgin Sodality, 1905--, 1 vol.; at rectory, 301. N. Baneroft Pkwy. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. W19, p. 223; vol. X19, pp. 182 and 409; vol. R20, p. 299; vol. A23, p. 17; vol. W30, p. 348; vol. U31, p. 554.

107. ST. THOMAS' PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, 1903--, 4th and Bayard St., Wilmington.

Organized 1903 in charge of Sisters of St. Francis. Present building dedicated in 1903. A three story brick structure, two stories used for school, third floor is an auditorium.

Attendance record, 1903--, card file; in school office in charge of Sister Superior.

108. SALESIANUM HIGH SCHOOL (Male), 1903--, 801 West St., Wilmington.

Organized 1903 by the Oblates of St. Francis deSales. School is conducted in the building previously occupied by the Hannah Moore Academy for girls. The building was remodeled and dedicated in 1924. Main building a four story brick structure, stucco finish. A large one story auditorium in the rear. See: Rev. George A. Mahoney, historical sketch in Salesianum Year Book, The Grasshopper(Wilmington, Star Publishing Co. 1932--, pp. 5 to 21).

Minutes, 1903--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1903--, 1 vol.; in possession of principal in Oblate Parish House, 803-05 West St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Certificate of Incorporation: vol. V1, p. 414; Deeds Record: vol. M24, p. 40; vol. N30, p. 598; vol. C32, p. 595; vol. Z32, p. 257; vol. S38, p. 286.

109. OBLATE CHAPEL OF SALESIANUM SCHOOL, 1903--, 801 West St.

Organized 1903 as a part of the Salesianum High School and is used only by the faculty and student body. The chapel is located in the school building. No separate records are kept

110. LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, INC., 1903--, 401 n. Bancroft Pkwy., Wilmington.

Organized and incorporated 1903, for the purpose of providing a home for the aged, both male and female. Although a Catholic institution, people of all creeds are admitted. Funds to maintain the home are collected by the Sisters. The organization started in a small building on the present site. Additions have been made from time to time, the latest being in 1930. Main build-

ing , a four story brick structure with two three story brick wings. A private chapel in maintained for the use of the Sisters and inmates.

Registration record, 1903--, 2 vols. (1 for male, 1 for female); Register (baptisms, confirmations, deaths), 1903--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1903--, 1 vol. ; in office in charge of the Sister Superior. Records of incorporation and deed; New Castle co. Recorder's office, Certificate of Incorporation: vol. U1, p. 489; Deeds Record: vol. S19, p. 336.

111. ST. AGNES BY THE SEA, 1905--, Rehoboth.

Incorporated July 25, 1905 under the leadership of Rt. Rev. John J. McNaghan, Bishop of the Diocese, to serve as a summer home for the Sisters who are engaged in teaching in the free Catholic schools of Delaware and for self-supporting poor girls. Home is under the management of the Sisters of St. Francis., Mother House, Glenn Riddle, Pa. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania).

Records of incorporation: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Certificate of Incorporation: vol. H2, p. 245; Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Incorporation Record: vol. A1, p. 414.

112. THE BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF DELAWARE, Inc., 1906--.

Incorporated May 11, 1906, membership of the Mother Superior of St. Gertrude's Convent of the Sisters of St. Benedict near Ridgely, Md. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland) and the professed Benedictine Sisters residing in Wilmington. Sisters of this order teach at St. Elizabeth's (entry 116), and sacred Heart (entry 85) Parochial Schools.

Record of incorporation: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Certificate of Incorporation: vol. L2, p. 427.

113-114. ST. JOHN'S PARISH, Milford, 1907--.

113. ST JOHN'S CHURCH, 1907--, 4 Peabody Ave., Milford.

Organized and building dedicated 1907. A one story frame structure with belfry and bell. St. Agnes by the Sea Church, Rehoboth (entry 114), is a mission of St. John's. In addition to the mission, Stations (no churches) are maintained in the following towns: Lewes, Bridgeville, Greenwood, Georgetown, Nassau, Milton, Frederica, and Harrington. A CCC camp, two miles south of Georgetown, and a veteran's camp three miles north of Georgetown are also served by St. John's. First settled clergyman, Rev. Michael Dougherty, 1911-19.

Minutes, 1907-22, 1 vol.; 1923--, 1 vol. Register, 1907-12, 1 vol.; 1013--, 1 vol. Current vols. At rectory, 4 Peabody Ave. Others at Diocesan headquarters, 1301 Delaware Ave., Wilmington. Records of incorporation and deed: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. F10, p. 179; vol. O10, p. 110.

114. ST. AGNES BY THE SEA CHURCH, 1912--, Brooklyn Ave. And Ocean Front, Rehoboth.

Organized 1912 as a mission of St. John's Church, Milford (entry 113). Present building opened and dedicated at that time. One story frame structure with belfry and bell.

Replaced in ?? by St. Edmund's

Records are included in those of St. John's. Records of deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DDC154, p. 300; vol. DEB180, p. 216; vol. DIR300, p. 196.

115-116. ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH, Wilmington, 1908--.

115. ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH, 1908--, 802 S. Broom St., Wilmington.

Organized in 1908. Incorporated 1909. A two story, red brick building, on site of old Wilmington Military Academy, was altered to be used for religious services. An addition was built in 1920. The original Academy building is now used for the Sister's Home. First settled clergyman, Rev. William Temple, 1908--, educated at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore and Irving University, Rome, Italy.

Minutes, 1908--, 7 vols.; Register, 1908--, (baptisms), 3 vols.; (confirmations, including record of first communions). 1 vol.; (marriages), 1 vol.; (deaths), 1 vol.; Financial, 1908--, 4 vols.; Parish Census, 1908--, 1 card index; Book of Announcements, 1908--, 5 vols. Burial Permits, 1908--, 1 vol.; at rectory, 809 S. Broom St. Religious teaching in parochial school, 1909--, 2 vols.; Holy Name Society, 1909--, 2 vols.; Blessed Virgin Sodality, 1909--, 2 vols.; St. Elizabeth's Guild, 1909--, 2 vols.; at Sister's home 800 S. Broom St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. A22, p. 505; vol. E22, p. 147; vol. I28, p. 224; vol. N28, p. 486; vol. O28, p. 145; vol. N30, p. 154; vol. O31, p. 82; vol. P32, p. 509; vol. Z33, p. 65.

116. ST. ELIZABETH'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, 1908--, Cedar and S. Rodney Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1908 and conducted by Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict. Until 1930 when the present building was dedicated the school was conducted in a three story brick structure at Oak and S. Broom Sts. This building is now the Sisters convent. Present building a modern two story brick structure.

Attendance record, 1930--, 1 card file; in school office in charge of Sister Superior. Previous records combined with those of church.

117-118. ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA PARISH, Wilmington, 1913--.

117. ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA'S CHURCH (Polish), 1913--, 7th and Buttonwood Sts. Wilmington.

Organized 1913 by a group from St. Hedwig's Church (entry 98) to provide a more convenient place of worship. Incorporated January 5, 1913. The church was dedicated 1913. It is a one story brick structure with a tower and bell. Crosses have been added to the roof. First settled clergyman, Rev. Simon Nawrocki, 1913-15; Jesuit training in Poland.

Minutes, 1913--, 4 vols.; Register, 1913--, (baptisms, including record of converts), 1 vol.; (confirmation, including record of first communions), 1 vol.; (marriages), 1 vol.; (deaths), 1 vol.; Communion Record, 1913--, 1 vol.; Parish Census, 1925-39, 1 vol.; 1931--, 1 vol.; (loose-leaf); Financial, 1913--, 1 vol.; at rectory, 901 E. 7th St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New

Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. K24, pp. 135, and 136; vol.Q24, p. 527; vol. D27, p. 101; vol. N37, p. 502.

118. ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, 1914-- , 8th and Locust Sts.,
Wilmington.

Organized 1914 by Sisters of the Felician Order. Until November 1915, when a permanent convent was established at 709 Buttonwood St., the school was attended by Sisters of the same Order from St. Hedwig's Parochial School (entry 99). First school conducted in several converted frame dwellings on the present site, 1914-21. Present building dedicated 1921. A two story brick structure.

Attendance record, 1914-- , card file. Kept in school office in charge of the Sister Superior.

119. HOLY ROSARY PARISH, CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF PROMOT SUCCOR, 1921-- ,
Seminole Ave. and Philadelphia Pike, Claymont.

Organized 1921. Incorporated 1922. Name suggested by an unknown person who contributed toward the erection of the church. Building dedicated in 1922. A one story frame structure with a cross over the entrance. First settled clergyman, Rev. Francis X. Fitzpatrick , 1921-- , educated at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass.; Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md.

Minutes, 1921-- , 2 vols.; Register, 1921-- , (baptisms, including record of first communions), 1 vol.; (confirmations, including record of first communions), 1 vol.; (marriages), 1 vol.;(members), 1 vol.; (deaths), 1 vol.; Financial, 1921-- , 2 vols.; Sunday School, 1921-- , 2 vols.; at rectory, Philadelphia Pike. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. C30, p. 235; vol. W30, p. 318; vol. I37, p. 31.

120. ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL, 1932-- , 8TH and Clayton Sts. Wilmington.

Organized and incorporated February 2, 1923 through the efforts of the late Rt. Rev. John J. Monaghan, then Bishop of Wilmington, and conducted by the Sisters of St. Francis. The funds to erect the hospital were secured through the subscriptions of members of the various parishes in the Diocese. The hospital is supported in part by the Diocese. Although a Catholic institution , people of all creeds are admitted. A private chapel is maintained for the Sisters and nurses. Rev. Lawrence W. McCarthy is chaplain. Main building dedicated 1924. A new wing added and dedicated 1938. The building of stone construction is three stories. Wing also three stories. A bronze tablet on wall of lobby contains names of founders. The ground on which the hospital is situated covers an entire city block; 7th to 6th and Clayton to duPont Sts.

Register (baptisms) 1924-- , 1 vol.; in hospital office. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Q31. p. 298; vol. Z32, p. 556; Certificate of Incorporation; vol. Q17, p. 297; vol.N43, p. 221.

- 121-122. ST ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH, Wilmington, 1924-- ,

121. ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH (Italian), 1924-- , 9th and duPont Sts. Wilmington.

It was organized in 1924 by Rev. J. Francis Tucker as the National Church

for the Italian people of Wilmington. From 1924 to 1926 services were held in a frame chapel on present site. The building is still used for social affairs. The present church was opened and dedicated in 1926. It is a one story stone structure of Lombard-Roman architecture. A Camanile added in 1938. The church is built diagonally, according to Italian tradition. Over the main door is the coat of arms of Oblates of St. Francis deSales. Sermons are in Italian at early masses, English being used at others. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. Francis Tucker, 1924--, educated at St. Mary's College Baltimore, Md. and Rome, Italy.

Minutes, 1924--, 1 vol.; Register (baptisms, including record of converts, confirmations, including record of first communions, marriages, deaths), 1924--, 1 vol.; Book of Announcements, 1924--, 1 vol.; Requiem Mass Record, 1924--, Burial Permits, 1924--, 1924--, yearly form; Financial, 1924--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1924--, 1 vol.; at rectory, 926 N. duPont St. Records of incorporation and deed; New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. F33, p. 188; vol. L33, p. 444.

122. ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA KINDERGARTEN, 1933--, 9th and Scott Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1935 and until January 1938 was conducted by lay-teachers. Since that date the school has been conducted by four members of the Sisters of St. Francis and two lay-teachers. Only children of kindergarten age attended. The building in which the kindergarten is held was formerly Public School 11. A two story brick structure.

Records combined with those of the church.

123-124. CHRIST OUR KING PARISH, Wilmington, 1926--.

123. CHRIST OUR KING CHURCH, 1926--, 28th and Monroe Sts., Wilmington.

Organized in 1926 as an outgrowth of St. Patrick's Church (entry 93). From 1926 to 1927 services held in small stucco chapel, at 28th and Madison Sts. The church was incorporated January 2, 1927 and the school which contains the present chapel was erected. First settled clergyman, Rev. John J. Lynch, 1926--, educated at St. Charles' College, Ellicott City, Md.; St. Mary's College, Baltimore, Md.; North American College, Rome, Italy.

Minutes, 1926--, 1 vol.; Register, 1926--, (baptisms, including record of converts), 1 vol.; (confirmations), 1 vol.; (marriages), 1 vol.; (deaths), 1 vol.; First communions, 1926--, 1 vol.; Parish Census, 1926--, card index; Burial Permits, 1926--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1926--, 1 loose-leaf vol.; at rectory, 414 W. St. Sunday School, 1926--, 1 vol.; in possession of Sisters of St. Joseph's, 29th and Madison Sts. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol.. M34, p. 593; vol. B35, p. 56; vol. C35, p. 84; vol. N35, p. 60; vol. P35, p. 421; vol. I36, p. 127.

124. CHRIST OUR KING PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, 1927--, 28th and Monroe Sts. Wilmington.

Organized 1927 in charge of Sisters of St. Joseph. Present building dedicated 1927. A two story stone structure. Basement of School is used for church services.

Attendance record, 1927--, card file, in school office in charge of Sister Superior.

125. CUR MOTHER MERCY CHURCH, 1928-- , Newport Pike and Boxwood Rd., Belvedere.

Organized 1928 as a mission for colored people by Rev. Conrad F. Rebeshier, of St. Joseph's Church (Colored), Wilmington (entry 100). In May, 1936 it became a regularly established parish to care for the needs of both white and colored residents of this vicinity. Present building with belfry, bell, and fourteen stained glass windows. First settled clergyman, Rev. Edward G. Brunner, 1936--; educated at Epiphany Apostolic College, Baltimore, Md.

Minutes, 1928-- , 3 vols.; Register, (baptisms, including record of converts; confirmation, including record of first communions; marriages, members, deaths), 1928-- , 2 vols. (1 vol. for white, 1 vol. for colored); Financial, 1928-- , 2 vols.; Sunday School, 1928-- , 2 vols.; at rectory, Newport Pike and Boxwood Rd.

126. ST. PATRICK'S MONASTERY (Capuchin Franciscan Fathers Novitiate and Missionary House), 1931-- , (Siverside Rd.), R.F.D.3, Wilmington.

Organized 1931 by the Capuchin Franciscan Fathers. A novitiate is conducted by this organization for the purpose of training young man for the priesthood. These Fathers also do missionary work. Present building opened 1931. A three story brick structure. An Oratory adjoining the main building was built and dedicated 1936. A two story stone structure. First Superior, Rev. Brendan O'Callahan, O. M. Gap., 1932-37; educated at Rochestown college, County Cork, Ireland; National University, Dublin, Ireland.

Registration record 1931-- , 1 vol.; in office in charge of Superior, Rev. Fabian Reynolds, O. M. Gap.

127. ORPHANAGE OF THE MATER ADMIRABILIS (Polish), 1931-- , Ogletown R. F.D.1 , Newark.

Organized 1931 by the Felician Sisters O.S.F. for the purpose of providing a home for the Polish orphans and neglected children of both sexes. The organization took over the Orphanage that had been established in 1927 by the Delaware Polish Beneficial Association of Mater Ad mirabilis. The home is supported in part by St. Hedwig's Church. Funds are also collected by the Sisters. Main building is a two story frame structure covered with stucco. There are two other frame buildings, one two story and a single story structure. A private chapel is maintained for the Sisters and inmates. The Chaplain is Rev. Joseph Delikat of St. Hedwig's Church (entry 98).

Registration record, 1931-- , 1 vol.; Baptism Certificate, 1931-- , filed loosely; Financial, 1931-- , 1 vol.; in office in charge of the Sister Superior.

128. ARCHMERE ACADEMY, 1933-- , on the Phila. Pike, Claymont.

Organized 1933 as a Preparatory School by the Order of Premontre Fathers and is conducted as both a day and boarding school. The faculty consist of both priests and lay-teachers. A private chapel is maintained in the school for the use of the faculty and students. Present building dedicated 1933. A two story stone structure. Italian architecture.

Attendance and Scholastic record, 1933-- , card file. Daily Expense Account, 1933-- , 1 vol.; in school office in charge of Father Superior. Various reports made to the Orders Headquarters, St. Norbert Abbey, DePere, Wisconsin.

129. ST. HELENA'S CHURCH 1938--, Bellefonte Ave., Bellefonte.

Organized and building dedicated 1936. It is square, one story stone structure. The doors and windows are of Gothic design. First settled clergyman, Rev. Joseph H. Irvin, 1936--; educated at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md.

Minutes, 1936--, 1 vol.; Register, 1936--, (baptisms, including record of converts), 1 vol.; (confirmations), 1 vol.; (marriages), 1 vol.; (members), 1 vol.; (deaths), 1 vol.; Financial, 1936--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1936--, 1 vol.; at rectory, 610 Philadelphia Pike.

Ukrainian Greek Diocese

This diocese is a part of the Roman Catholic hierarchy and is under the Most Rev. Constantine Bchachevsky, Titular Bishop of Amissus , 165 , N. Franklin St. Philadelphia (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church archives of Pennsylvania).

130. ST. NICHOLAS UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1909--, 612 S. Heald St.,
Wilmington.

Organized 1909 when present building was opened. Incorporated 1913 under the name of St. Nicholas Ruthenian Greek Catholic Church, Ins. Church dedicated 1926. One story brick and stone structure, Ukrainian style. One tower with two bells. Incorporated under present name February 11, 1928. First settled clergyman priest Rev. Zachory Orun, 1909-10.

Minutes, 1909--, 1 vol.; in possession of bishop of diocese. Register 1909--, in possession of pastor, Rev. Joseph Boyarczuk, 3010 W. 3rd St. Chester, Pa. Financial, 1909--, in possession of Stephen Figun, 1222 Peach St. Records of incorporation and deed; New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. P24, pp. 491 and 494; vol. X33, p. 238; vol. I35, p. 385.

The Greek Orthodox Delegate (1926) of the Patriarch of Jerusalem in the USA Archbishop Pauteleimon, 282 First Ave., N.Y.City.

X. CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

This denomination was organized in 1881 by Rev. A. B. Simpson, who had previously been a Presbyterian minister. In 1887 separate societies were organized for home and foreign missionary Alliance. These two societies united under the present title in 1897. There is but one church of this denomination in Delaware. The National headquarters are at 260 W. 44th St. New York City (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of New York).

136. CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE, 1897-- , 504 West 5th St., Wilmington

Organized 1897. Services held in various rented quarters until 1909, when they moved to the present site. Incorporated February 25, 1909. Present building dedicated 1915. A two story brick building, gabled auditorium. First settled clergyman, Rev. Vernor Brown, 1897-1906; educated at Nyack Missionary Training Institute, Nyack , N. Y.

Minutes , 1927-- , 3 vols.; in possession of James Sterling, 1711 Scott St. Register, 1915-- , 2 vols.; in possession of Rev. Morris V. Lindsay, 504 W. 5th St. Financial, 1897-- , 9 vols.; in possession of Fletcher Blockson, 2501 Tatnall St. Sunday School. 1915-- , 2 vols.; in possession of Miss Anna Dougherty , 1600 Lancaster Ave. Records of incorporation and deed; New Castle Co. Recorder's office Certificate of Incorporation; vol. D3, p. 81; Deeds Record, vol. P22, p. 40.

XI. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Congregation of this denomination, organized in 1897 by Mary Baker Eddy, are branches of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass. Usually a group is organized as a Christian Science Society until congregation becomes large enough to be organized as a church.

Two "readers" serve each congregation and alternate in reading passages from the Bible and from the writings of Mary Baker Eddy. Services are uniform in all churches, the passages to be read being selected by the Mother Church. Lecturers sent out by the Board of Lectureship in Boston also visit the various churches. Such lectures are given in Delaware in October, January, and April of each year. Reading rooms are maintained by the church in the more important centers.

Besides the congregations of local churches, the Mother Church has members throughout the country. About one hundred thirty-five persons in Delaware belong to the Mother Church at the present time. Offices of the Christian Science Board of Directors are at 107 Falmouth St., Boston, Mass. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives in Massachusetts).

132. FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, 1898--, Park Place and VanBuren St., Wilmington.

Organized 1898 and services held in various homes until 1904. Then a one story frame building on present site, 1904-18. Present building dedicated in 1918. One story stone structure. Greek Style. First settled readers, Hannah P. Baker and William H. Savery, 1898-1901. See: Committee, Frank P. Hall, chairman, historical sketch of church, 1935, manuscript in church office.

Minutes, 1898--. 39 vols.; Register (members only), current record, card file; Financial, 1898--, 2 file boxes; in church office. Records of incorporation and deed; New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Certificate of Incorporation; vol. N1, p. 166; P9, p. 120; Deeds Record; vol. R19, p. 298; vol. X21, p. 387.

133. FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, 1920--, 2ND St., South Milford.

Organized 1920. Services were held in private homes until 1923. Since then services have been held in the Grange Hall.

Minutes, 1920--, 1vol.; Sunday School, 1920--, in possession of Mary B. Hall.

134. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM. 1901--, 209 W. 9th Sts., Wilmington.

Organized in 1901 and conducted at the First Church of Christ Scientist (entry 132) until 1909 when it was moved to 839 Market St., and conducted at this location until 1912 when they moved to the Equitable trust Bldg. In 1934 to the present location, the first floor of a three story stucco finished building, which is used for the reading room and store for the sale of Christian Science literature.

Inventory of Literature and Record of Sales 1916--. 1 card file; Financial, 1916--, 1 vol. loose-leaf; in office of reading room.

XII. CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

This denomination originated in 1895 as an evangelistic movement. In 1907 Elder C. H. Mason, formerly a Missionary Baptist preacher, was appointed general overseer and under his leadership rapid progress was made. Most of the members of this denomination, which is exclusively a colored church, are in the Southern States. But one congregation is in Delaware. Headquarters are at 956 S. 5th Sts., Memphis, Tenn. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Tennessee).

135. CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST (Colored), 1925--, 506 Poplar St., Wilmington.

Organized 1925 holding services at 11th and Walnut Sts. Present building dedicated in 1926. Two story brick structure. Incorporated May 29, 1928. First settled clergyman, Rev. Costoen W. Franklin, 1925--, educated at National Bible Institute, Cleveland.

Minutes, 1925--, 3 vols.; Register, 1925--, 1 vol.; in possession of church clerk, Hilda Perry, 1004 Bennett St. Financial, 1925--, 1 vol.; in possession of financial secretary, Walter Hinson, 628 E. 6th St. Sunday School, 1925--, 1 vol.; in possession of superintendent, Jessie Carter, 605 E. 6th St. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. R35, p. 249.; vol. U35, p. 116.

XIII. CHURCH OF NAZARENE

This denomination is a union of various Pentecostal and Holiness churches and denominations, most which originated in the latter part of the nineteenth century. A series of combinations over a period of about twenty years finally resulted in the formation of the present group in 1915. The present name was adopted in 1919. Regional conferences are held annually and a general assembly quadrennial.

Delaware churches of this domination pertain to the Washington-Philadelphia District. The General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene maintains offices at 2923 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church archives of Missouri).

136. NAZARENE CHURCH OF HARRINGTON, 1907--, Mechanic St., Harrington.

Organized and present building dedicated in 1907. It was remodeled in 1929. It is a one story frame building with a belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Mr. Crippen, 1907-8, educated at Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Mass.

Minutes, 1907--, 1 vol.; in possession of Benjamin Dean, Grant St. Register, 1935--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1928--, in possession of James E. Hunton. Financial, 1920--, 2 vols.; in possession of J. W. Dickerson.

137. DOLBOW MEMORIAL CHURCH, 1926--, 16 Fifth Ave., Wilmington.

Organized 1926. Services held in rented quarters until 1931. Present building was then dedicated. One story frame structure. First settled clergyman Rev. V. B. Pershing, 1926-28.

Minutes 1926--, 2 vols.; Register, 1926--, 2 vols.; in possession of Mrs. Alice Taylor, 8 Second St., Claymont. Financial, 1931--, 1 vol.; in possession of William Marguess, 1313 Maryland Ave. Sunday School, 1931--, 1 vol.; in possession of Ledis Kosisids, 507 W. 5th St. Record of deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. W38, p. 61.

138. WESLYAN CHURCH, 1926--, Laurel.

Organized and building dedicated in 1926. It is a one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Mr. McKnight, 1926-30.

Minutes 1926--, 1 vol.; in possession of G. Tyndall. Register, 1926--, 1 vol.; in possession of Rev. H. G. Steineck. Sunday School. 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. G. Tyndall.

139. CHURCH OF NAZARENE, 1931--, Frazier and Union Sts., Smyrna.

Organized as a mission of the Nazarene Church of Harrington (entry 136) and building dedicated in 1931. the church is a single story frame structure with square tower, which was erected in 1923 by Smyrna Methodist Protestant Church. This building was rented by the Church of Nazarene from 1931 until they purchased it in 1935. First settled clergyman, Rev. Paul Elliott, 1931-33.

Minutes, 1931-33, 1 vol.; Financial, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of treasurer, Mrs. George Gardener, South St. Minutes, 1937--, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, Mrs. Daisy Cox, Main St. Sunday School, 1931--, 1 vol.; Attendance Record, 1 vol.; for each class; in church in custody of Sunday School secretary, Agnes Cox, Record of deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. N12, p. 340; vol. U14, p. 81.

XIV. CONGRAGATIONAL AND CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

The denomination was formed by a union of National Council of the Congregational Churches and the General Convention of the Christian Church. Meeting in Seattle, Washington on June 27, 1931, they formed the General Council of the Congregational and Christian Churches. This council serves in an advisory capacity, the two organizations of which it is composed continuing as separate corporate bodies, for the present at least.

There are but two churches of this denomination in Delaware. Offices of the General Council of the Congregational and Christian Churches are at 287 Fourth Ave., New York City (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives in New York).

140. PEOPLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 1909--, Reed and Bradford Sts., Dover.

Organized 1909 as an independent church, becoming affiliated with the Christian denomination after one year. Original church built in 1909. Remodeled and incorporated into new building and dedicated in 1924. Building includes recreational, educational and Sunday School units. Romanesque architecture. Square tower with clock and chimes. There are numerous bronze memorial tablets. First settled clergyman, Rev. Dr. A. W. Lightbourne, 1909-16. See: Rev. Foy Clifton Helfenstein, dedication booklet (Dover privately printed, 1924); Rev. Roy Helfenstein, souvenir booklet on fifth anniversary (Dover, privately printed, 1929); Rev. Roy Helfenstein, "Twenty Five Years of Progress", manuscript, 1934, in possession of pastor.

Minutes, (including Financial) 1909--, 29 vols.; Register, 1909--, 1 vol.; in pastor's office in church. Sunday School, 1909--, 29 vols.; in Sunday School office. Records of deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. S12, p. 83; vol. X12, p. 258; vol. S4, p. 318; Mortgage Record; vol. B6, p. 218; Assignment Record; vol. S4, p. 154; vol. F1, pp. 450 and 456.

141. FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (Colored), 1927--, Highway 16, West of Milton.

Organized and incorporated May 30, 1927 by a group who left Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Milton (entry 395). Building dedicated 1927. One story brick structure with cornerstone. First settled clergyman, Rev. W. B. Nicholson, 1927--.

Minutes, 1927--, 1 vol.; Register, 1927--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1927--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1927--1 vol.; in possession of pastor Rev. W. B. Nicholson. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DHC259, p. 349; vol. DHI265, pp. 5 and 330.

XV. DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

This denomination was originally the "Christian Association of Washington, Pa." (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania Organized in 1809 by Rev. Thomas Campbell and his son, Alexander, who felt the sectarian restrictions of the Presbyterian organization were too narrow. In 1832 they joined forces with the followers of Rev. Barton W. Stone, another Presbyterian minister of Lexington, Ky. They failed to agree on a name and for some time the terms "Christian Church" and "Discipline Church" were both used. After the death of Alexander Campbell in 1866 the church split into Progressive and Conservative elements.

An International Convention of the Disciplines of Christ is held annually. Its functions are advisory only and members attending the convention attend as individuals, in which respect it is similar to the meetings of Friends (see Section XVIII).

Various boards and missionary societies formed during the life of the church were practically autonomous until they were consolidated in 1919 into the present organization, the United Christian Missionary Society, whose offices are in the Missions Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Indiana).

142. CHURCH OF CHRIST, 1899-- , East St., Ocean View.

Organized 1899 as Mount Zion Christian Church. The following year Christ Church was organized, services of both organizations being held in Zion Church near Ocean View. When the new church was built at Ocean View in 1901 the Zion and Ocean View congregations united and organized the Church of Christ at which time it was incorporated under that name. The church is a one story frame building with steeple. First settled clergyman, Rev. Jacob Walters, 1901-06.

Minutes, 1931-- , 1 vol.; Register, (members), 1931-- , 1 vol.; in possession of the pastor, Rev. James Roland Glenn. Prior records destroyed by fire. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. CCM133, p. 537; vol. CCL137, p. 505; vol. DFG211, p. 168; vol. DGB232, pp. 429 and 537; vol. DHI265, P. 39; Incorporation Record, vol. A1, p. 462.

XVI. EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH

The Eastern Orthodox group of churches is comprised of various national churches at on time dependent on the Patriarch of Constantinople. The Czar as successor to the Byzantine and Roman Emperors, was acknowledged as head of the church in the same sense as was the Emperor Constantine. After the World War and the ensuing Revolution, there was, for a short time, a Russian Patriarch, but since his death there has been no universally acknowledged head of the church.

The Russian, Greek, Ukrainian churches are represented in Delaware. Although no two of these are under the same national authority there are now definite tendencies toward union and it is possible that in the near future a definite hierarchy will again be established.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

The oldest Eastern Orthodox Church in Delaware pertains to this branch. It is under the authority of the Arch diocesan Council, 105 E. Houston St., New York City (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of New York).

143. RUSSIAN ORTHODOX GREEK CATHOLIC SHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL, 1905--, 431 Claymont St., Wilmington.

Organized and incorporated April 10, 1905 as St. Michael's United Greek Catholic Ruthenian Church. The following year they built a church at Heald and Pearl Sts. which they occupied until 1915. On December 8, 1909 their name was changed to St. Michael's Russian National Independent Church, Inc. and an amendment to their charter provided that instead of worshipping according to the faith and doctrines of the Greek Catholic Church worship should be according to the "Russian Orthodox Greek Church under the permanent Holy Syned of St. Petersburg and independent of the Supremacy of the Pope". Reincorporated under present name January 3, 1915, and the present property purchased March 11, 1915. Services were held in residence on present site until 1917 when the building was dedicated. Two story stucco structure with dome. First settled priest, Father Zlobin, 1916-17.

Minutes, 1916--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1916--, 2 vols.; in possession of Philip Satygo, 919 Church St. Register, 1916--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1916--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Cornelius Soijoon, 431 S. Claymont St. Yearly reports sent to Archdiocesan Council and copy kept by pastor. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. C20, p. 577; vol. N36, p. 387; vol. Q22, p. 232; vol. K25, p. 377; vol. L25, p. 257; vol. N36, p.67; Certificate of Incorporation; vol. G3, p. 491; vol. Q3, p. 439.

GREEK ORTHODOX

This church pertains to the Greek Archdiocese of North and South America. Archbishop Athenogoras, 25-19 Thirtieth Drive, Astoria, L. I., New York (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of New York) is head of the archdiocese and is responsible to the Patriarch of Sofia, Constantinople (Istanbul).

144. GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, 1920--, 6 W. 9th St. Wilmington (now the site of the F. W. Woolworth Bldg.)

Mission of St. George's and Evangelisms Greek Orthodox Churches of Philadelphia (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). Established in 1920, services held in St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church (entry 545) until 1925, and then in St. John's Protestant Episcopal (entry 523) until 1932 when congregation moved to present rented quarters. Communicants are of Greek nationality or descent. A school for children of communicants is conducted in connection with the church. No settled priest, services usually being conducted by priests sent from New York.

Minutes. 1920--, in possession of George Couvas, 410 Market St. Register, included in registers of mother churches. Financial, 1920--, 1 vol.; in possession of Elefterios Lazopoulos, 1811 Tatnall St. New church building now under construction at 9th & Broom St. Wilmington De. (Formerly site of the late T. Coleman duPont estate). Judging from the meager information obtained from Mr. James Boiner (Kent Hotel) and Mr. Chas Tarabicos (Presto Restaurant), services been suspended until the completion of the new edifice . T. K. 5-6-1940

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UKRANIAN ORTHODOX

There is one church of this branch of the Eastern Orthodox Church in Delaware. It belongs to the Ukrainian Orthodox Diocese under Bishop Bohdan, 675 E. 103rd St., Bronx New York City (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of New York).

145. ST. PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, 1926--, 623 S. Heald St. Wilmington

Organized 1926 by a group withdrawing from St. Nicholas' Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (entry 130) and forming a church independent of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. Services were held in Holy Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church (entry 525) until 1933 when the building now used for a Sunday School and parish club was erected. Incorporated in 1932. Present building erected in 1938. One story brick structure with basement. Modern Gregorian style with two small and two large minarets, and bell. First settled priest, Rev. Basil Pedyszyn, 1930-32.

Minutes, 1930--, 2 vols.; in possession of Thomas Nareiniszyn, 624 Townsend Ave. Register, 1930--, 1 vol., (baptisms) 1 vol., (confirmation) 1 vol., (marriages) 1 vol., (members) 1 vol., (deaths) 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1930--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John Paluj, 603 Heald St. Records of incorporation and deed New Castle Co. Recorder's office; Deeds Record, vol. N38, p. 55; vol. O38, p. 173.

There were a few members of the Religious Society of Friends in Virginia and Maryland, others in New York and New England, particularly in Rhode Island, and a colony in West New Jersey, before land on the Delaware was granted to William Penn.

But in what is now the State of Delaware but two are recorded. One, a refugee from Maryland, referred to the Dutch records as Captain Voeler (probably Wheeler), came to Altena (Fort Christiana) in 1661 and was allowed to remain. The second was Thomas Wollaston who bought land in New Castle Co. in 1667.

The first meeting for worship was conducted by George Fox himself on September 14, 1772 in the home of Governor Lovelace on Harmony St., New Castle. Reference to this meeting is found in his correspondence. Probably none attending the Quakers, save George Fox himself and his traveling companions.

However the colony in West New Jersey was established as a result of his visit and William Penn became one of the trustees of that colony. His proprietorship over Pennsylvania and the three lower counties followed.

While his colonizing campaign brought colonists of all faiths, since all were offered an equal opportunity, it was directed especially to the Friends. These being in need of a place of refuge, large numbers came.

Most of them were bound for the new town of Philadelphia but some remained in the more settled country about New Castle.

A monthly meeting had already been established at Burlington in West New Jersey, which met at various places to accommodate distant members. The first such meeting held west of the river, of which we have a definite record, was on September 15, 1681 at the house of Robert Wade at Upland Chester, Pa.). Meetings for worship had no doubt been held before this date.

Monthly and quarterly meetings were organized in Philadelphia in 1682 and yearly meetings were held there and in Burlington in 1683. After 1685 yearly meetings were held alternately in these two cities until 1760 when the Burlington meetings were discontinued.

The Philadelphia Yearly Meeting included all of Delaware and extended south to Virginia. It now covers less territory but still includes the entire State of Delaware.

The preparative meeting set up at New Castle in 1684 was the first formally organized in the three lower counties, but with the arrival of additional emigrants others were established rapidly.

Throughout the Colonial period meetings of Friends were numerous and important. School was often conducted in connection with the meeting house. Many meetings are now defunct or dormant and only one school is now active. The buildings that remain are of a simple style of architecture in keeping with the lives of those who built them and even those that are no longer in use are usually cared for by someone

During the latter half of the eighteenth century a number of meetings were established by the followers of Joseph Nichols, a resident of Kent County, whose religious beliefs were closely akin to those of the Friends. They called themselves the "New Quakers", but were commonly known as "Nicholites". They were resident in southwestern Delaware and nearby counties of Maryland and, although they continued to grow even after the death of Nichols, their ways were so like those of the Friends that by 1800 they had practically all merged with Friend's meetings either individually or collectively. They had three meeting houses in Maryland (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland) near the state line but it is doubtful if any were in Delaware. But meetings for worship were probably held in this State in private homes.

In 1827 the followers of Elias Hicks, a Friend with progressive tendencies, separated from the more conservative group. They have since been known as the "Ricksite" and "Orthodox" branches of the Friends. The Ricksite branch is the more numerous, there being now but one orthodox meeting in Delaware. The two groups have not officially re-united but cooperate closely. The Wilmington Monthly Meetings of the two branches hold joint meetings during the summer months and the Friends' school is managed by both.

The right to testify by affirmation rather than under oath was early recognized in this State. The Assembly held at Chester included this provision in the "Great Law" passed December 7, 1682 (The Great Law of the Province of Pennsylvania and Territories thereunto belonging, chap. 36). However colonial laws were subject to approval of the Crown and in 1705 Queen Ann in council annulled this law. Friends in this colony were thus subject to an Act of Parliament of 1696, which specified a modified form of oath. This was acceptable too, but few of them. Several unsuccessful attempts were made to restore their former rights, a law to this effect being passed in 1729 by the Assembly at New Castle, but it's doubtful until after 1725 when a similar law passed by the Assembly in Philadelphia was ratified by the King in council, after which no further question was raised. Through the various changes in government that have since occurred this right has been maintained, and the law with minor changes in its wording is incorporated in the present code (Del. Laws, 1935 Code, chap. 139. dec.10).

The marriage ceremony of the Friends consisted in mutual acknowledgement before the congregation and the signing of a certificate of marriage witnessed by several other members. This form of marriage, with the provision that the certificate be recorded with the register of the county was incorporated in the basic law agreed upon in England May 5, 1682 (Laws Agreed Upon in England, art. 19). It was confirmed in substantially its original form by the Provincial Council and Assembly of 1683 and again in 1684 and 1693 (Laws of Province of Pennsylvania; 1683, chap.133; 1684, chap.166; 1693, sec. 11). Since then numerous changes have been made in the marriage laws of the state in the course of which the exact form of the religious ceremony has become of little importance.

Opposition to war on the part of Friends and their refusal to pay taxes for war purposes resulted in many "sufferings", imprisonment or seizure of property in lieu of such military service or taxes. During the French and Indian Wars and again during the Revolutionary War committees on sufferings were appointed by various monthly meetings. Detailed reports of these committees are included in the records of that period.

These records also include “manumissions” or the freeing of slaves. Friends have consistently opposed human bondage.

Prior to the Civil War the “underground railway” was active operation in Delaware with many stations in the homes of Friends. One of the famous trials of the period was that of Thomas Garrett in Wilmington (U. S. Circuit Court, Delaware District, Wilmington, docket of 1846-48). Upon being convicted he stated he would continue his anti-slavery activities. He is credited with having helped twenty-seven hundred slaves on their way to freedom.

The ordinances of communion, baptisms, and confirmation are not included in the Friends' services. A professional clergy is contrary to their beliefs. Meetings may be held without a minister of pre-arrangement of service, although usually certain members especially qualified are selected to lead the service and in recent years the tendency has been to compensate those who devote a substantial part of their time to pastoral work. Such “ministering Friends” are not ordained but are “recorded” in the minutes of the quarterly and yearly meetings, as well as the monthly meeting. Among the members of a single meeting may be several so recorded, or there may be none.

Meetings for worship may be “first day” or “work day” meetings and may be quite informal, often being held in private homes. The time and place of such meetings becomes a matter of record only when the meeting has been formally “set up” by the monthly meeting. The latter is the business organization and may comprise a single congregation or several, all members of which are per se members of the corresponding monthly meeting. In the same manner quarterly meetings are formed of the monthly meetings; and yearly meetings, the highest authority for discipline, are formed by the quarterly meetings.

In such meetings all members of one of the subsidiary meetings have an equal voice, although considerations of time and distance limit the quarterly and yearly meetings largely to members selected by their monthly meeting. Separate meetings were held by men and women until recent years, but the status of the women members has always been equal to that of the men. Joint meetings are now the usual custom.

Each monthly meeting chooses elders and overseers to whom the practical management of affairs is entrusted. Meetings of the elders and overseers are held in connection with the regular quarterly meetings being known commonly as “select” meetings and in the same manner a yearly meeting of “ministry and oversight” is held.

The elders and overseers of each monthly meeting select a clerk who is charged with keeping the records. While the registers of Friends do not record baptisms they record births and thus serve the same purpose. They also record marriages, members, and deaths, such records usually being kept conscientiously. Old records are commonly turned over to the quarterly meetings for safe keeping and in some cases to the yearly meetings.

Many such records have been placed in the Friends' Historical Library, Swartmore College, Swartmore, Pa.

The various yearly meetings are independent but since 1902 most of them have adopted a discipline that is substantially uniform. Delegates from the yearly meetings convene each five years in a meeting, the functions of which are chiefly advisory.

All but one of the Friends meetings now active in Delaware pertain to the Hicksite branch. However, as many meetings originated and became defunct prior to the separation, and as the two branches are now very close, holding joint meetings and operating the Friends' school in common, we have made no attempt to separate them in listing the following entries. It will be understood that all meetings pertain to the Hicksite branch with the exception of the one marked "Orthodox" and those having dates prior to 1827.

All Hicksite meetings in Delaware pertain to the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, the Religious Society of Friends, 1515 Cherry St., Philadelphia. Headquarters of the Orthodox Friends are the Society of Friends, 302 Arch St., Philadelphia (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania).

ORGANIZATION OF FRIENDS;' MEETINGS.

Since the terms used by the Friends to designate their various "meetings" are somewhat confusing to those unfamiliar with the organization of the Religious Society of Friends and since this organization itself rather unusual, it has been thought advisable to include at this point a brief statement of the types of meetings and their mutual relations.

Let us first regard some of the fundamentals of the Friend's manner of thought, the chief cause of such organizational differences.

He is governed, or perhaps it were better to say advised and guided, by his religious associates to and extent greater than is found in almost any of the other major denominations. Nevertheless he is extremely individualistic. He submits to the discipline of his religion because it accord with his own concept of the truth. He is not a slave to this discipline but a participant in it. He therefore feels no need of a minister to guide him in ritualistic worship nor does he appoint delegates to attend the monthly, quarterly, or yearly business meetings and speak for him. He attends himself as an individual member.

That was the original idea, and still is. But within increasing numbers and distances, full attendance at yearly meetings has become impossible. The problem was solved by most other denominations by conferences of ministers with a limited number of lay delegates, each elected by his local organization. But the Friends still hold to the fundamental idea, permitting attendance of any and all members, each one of whom has an equal voice. Their concession to the present situation consists of insuring attendance of at least a few from each meeting by an informal assignment of that duty to several of the leading members. They are sometimes called delegates, especially in recent years, but technically they are not, attending merely as individuals.

To prepare and expedite the work of such a body, which in time became unwieldy, separate meetings of ministering Friends and elders are held in advance, these being limited as to attendance. But it will be noted that, although their lead is usually followed by the general meeting, action of the latter is authoritative.

A similar situation leads to the appointment of "overseers" by monthly meetings. Groups of overseers were named for each of the larger meetings for worship, meeting in advance of the regular monthly meeting. The term "preparative" meeting thus came to be applied to those meetings for worship for which overseers had been appointed.

Although Friends attend a monthly, quarterly, or yearly meetings as individuals, if but a single member of a weekly meeting is present, others can not conscientiously fail to realize he speaks for his neighbors also. He thus serves the purpose of a delegate although not one technically.

In this connection it must be remembered that Parliamentary rules are not observed. Friends are not satisfied with action acceptable to a bare majority. It should be acceptable to the entire meeting, which requires considerable tolerance and mutual consideration. Their minutes do not record a motion as carried but a suggestion or proposal is "united with" or sometimes "concurred with". Decisions are arrived at through mutual agreement.

It is no doubt this dependence of a large and complicated organization upon the simple good faith and conscience of its members, instead of upon formalities, that makes the Friends' organization so hard to understand.

In reading their minutes it is necessary to keep in mind certain peculiarities of phraseology. The days of the week are numbered instead of named, as are also the months of the year. The "first fourth day of the eleventh month" is the first Wednesday in November. Motions or resolutions are not offered in their meetings but subjects are "proposed for consideration" and are then approved or "united with". Parliamentary language is more apt to be found in the minutes of yearly meetings, especially in later years to a certain degree of formality has become necessary with the growth of the organization.

A meeting is sometimes said to be "established" but usually it is "settled", "set up" or "erected". If it becomes defunct, it is "laid down". If a meeting for worship or a preparative meeting is laid down its members are free to attend any other meeting under the same monthly meeting. But if a monthly meeting is laid down, its members are "joined" to a definitely specified monthly meeting. This is because all record pertaining to individual Friends are kept by their respective monthly meetings. A change from one meeting for worship to another under the same monthly meeting involves no change in records but transfer to another monthly meeting does.

The different types of meetings commonly mentioned in Friends' records, with the function of each, are as follows:

Meeting for Worship

Exactly what the name implies, a congregation meeting for worship. Informal in character. No records whatever are kept. May be unauthorized, indulged, or settled.

Unauthorized. Unauthorized meetings for worship were spontaneous meetings such as were common during the early settlement period. Became less common as the organization and communications developed.

Indulged. Indulged meetings for worship were originally those allowed on account of difficulties of travel, bad weather, etc. They were sometimes composed of members of several monthly meetings, and were temporary in character.

Settled. A settled meeting for worship is intended to continue independently of weather or travel conditions. Indulged meetings often developed into settled meetings. The expressions to set up, erect, or establish a meeting for worship are sometimes used.

Property occupied by a meeting for worship is held in the name of the monthly meeting of which it is a part and all decisions with respect to its repair, maintenance, or disposal are made by the monthly meetings. The meeting for worship conducts no business and keeps no records. A single congregation of Friends divided into several meetings for worship, each of which bears a different name, is not fundamentally different from other religious organizations, most of whose congregational assemblies are likewise meetings for worship and who may have several missions that are a part of the one congregation.

Weekly Meeting.

A term commonly used for a meeting for worship, since they were usually held weekly.

Particular Meeting.

A general term used to designate meetings for worship and preparative meetings under a monthly meeting. Used also at times in the sense of a meeting of ministering Friends (see Meeting of Ministering Friends).

Select Meeting.

Another term sometimes used for a meeting of ministering Friends.

Preparative Meeting

Committee meetings of overseers held a few days in advance of the monthly meeting, at which time they inquire into matters to be presented to the monthly meeting and "prepare" them for prompt decision. The term has thus come to be applied to meetings for worship for which such overseers had been appointed.

Since they deal only with current matters and decisions are merely referred to the monthly meeting for approval, the keeping of minutes is optional. Financial and other records are kept in some cases where there is a meeting house and graveyard, but all transactions recorded are duplicated in the monthly meeting records, since the overseers act only as agents of the latter.

Monthly Meeting

This is the congregational unit of the Friends, as well as the unit for the transactions of business affairs. Each individual Friend belongs to a definite monthly meeting. While all decisions of the overseers of preparative meetings are confirmed or disapproved by the monthly meeting and entered in the minutes thereof, the decisions of the monthly meeting are final, subject only to an appeal to the quarterly or yearly meetings.

Quarterly Meetings

Business meetings comprising one or more monthly meetings. Sometimes in the early days every third meeting of a monthly meeting was called a "Quarterly Meeting". But more commonly several monthly meetings were united to form a quarterly meeting, as is the case today. The quarterly meeting considers appeals from members against decisions of their respective monthly meetings, sets up or combines monthly meetings, and acts in an advisory capacity for the general good.

Yearly Meetings

Business meetings composed of several quarterly meetings. The entire membership is supposed to attend but actual attendance consists chiefly of the more influential members chosen by their monthly meetings, although not formally elected nor sent as delegates.

Meeting of Ministering Friends

Similar in function to preparative meetings and usually held prior to quarterly or yearly meetings, although sometimes held in connection with monthly meetings when a number of such ministering-Friends belong to a single monthly meeting. Attendance was originally limited to ministering Friends, whose name had been recorded as such by the quarterly and yearly meetings, but later elders were admitted. They attend in the capacity of "delegates" and are so certified by their monthly meetings. These meetings are intended to expedite the work of the general meeting.

Meeting for Sufferings

Actually a committee. Called "meeting" on account of the Friends' broad use of the word. Appointed first by the Yearly Meeting of 1756 to aid Friends and others needing help on account of Indian raids, the sum of one thousand pounds being set aside for this purpose. Was continued from year to year until 1771 when it was made permanent. Similar committees were later appointed by quarterly and monthly meeting, especially as the Friends' opposition to war and slavery often placed them in opposition to the law and caused much suffering. Minutes of such committees were retained by the meeting appointing them.

Men's Meeting and Women's Meeting

In earlier days separate business meetings of men and women members were held, but such meetings are now commonly held jointly. Women might be recorded as ministering Friends or appointed as elders or overseers, their status being equal to that of the man, and therefore only general meetings such as the monthly, quarterly, and yearly had separate minutes. Women's meetings considered matters of particular concern to their sex, but the line of demarcation and how decisions of the two were reconciled is a matter that can be explained only by the spirit of co-operation prevailing among the Friends.

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146. NEW CASTLE PREPARATIVE MEETING, 1684-1758 (defunct) between 4th and 5th Sts., New Castle

Organized 1684 as a preparative meeting under the Quarterly Meeting at Philadelphia. As informal meetings for worship were almost universal wherever there were a few families of Friends, such meetings no doubt preceded for the organization by at least two years. Services were held in private homes until 1705 when a plain brick meeting house was built, between Beaver and Otter Sts. (now 4th and 5th Sts.). Monthly and quarterly meetings were held here for a time but after the establishment of meetings at Newark (entry 148) on the other side of the Brandywine monthly and quarterly meetings were transferred. In 1758 the meeting became defunct, being merged with the Wilmington Monthly Meeting (entry 156). Building was demolished in 1885.

The Religious Society of Friends reports no records have been found aside from references to the meeting in minutes of other meetings, particularly Wilmington Monthly Meeting (entry 156) and Concord Quarterly Meeting (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). Records of deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Records; vol. Y1, p. 657; vol. B2 p. 186.

147. DUCK CREEK MONTHLY MEETING, 1686-1830 (defunct), Smyrna.

Meetings were held as early as 1686 as there are records of births and burials from this date but organization was probably informal and meetings irregular until 1705. A meeting house was built some time prior to 1769 and a frame schoolhouse was added before 1800. They stood on a rise of ground north of Smyrna near Duck Creek. By 1830 the buildings had become dilapidated

And the meeting was united with Motherkill (entry 153). In 1852 the Duck Creek Preparative Meeting was laid down and its members joined with Little Creek Preparative (entry 151). See: Edward T. Richards, "Duck Creek Friends Meeting" in Wilmington Evening Journal-Every Evening, Feb. 20-23, 1933.

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148. NEWARK MONTHLY MEETING (KENNETT), 1686--, (transferred), (Carr Rd, Brandywine Hundred). R. F. D. 3, Wilmington.

Organized not later than 1686, apparently being an outgrowth of the meeting at New Castle, the site being more convenient to those living north of the Brandywine. Meetings were held in private homes until 1687 when land was donated by Valentine Hollingsworth for a meeting house and graveyard "being some already buried in ye spot". Separate meetings were held in the winter of 1687 at Centre by some members due to the difficulty of fording the Brandywine. These continued for several years and meetings were later held alternately at Newark and Centre. Meeting at the earlier site were gradually abandoned, the last monthly meeting being in 1707. Beginning about 1721 meetings were held at Kennett alternately with Centre but the name Newark was retained until 1760, when it was changed to Kennett Monthly Meeting (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). Site of the original meeting house is now occupied by the Newark Union Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 258). A marker has been erected at this site by the Historic Markers Commission of Delaware.

Current records are those of Kennett Monthly Meeting (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). Men's Minutes (including a register of births, 1667-1746m, and deaths, 1683-1758), 1686-1897, 7 vols.; Women's Minutes, 1789-1893 (1821-27 missing, see "Orthodox" minutes of Centre Monthly Meeting, entry 149), 5 vols.; Minutes of Sufferings, 1757-81, 1 vol.; Register (births and burials). 1696-1898, 4 vols.; (marriages and a few records of births and deaths). 1718-1821, 1 vol.; Manumissions, 1706-1806, 1 vol.; Certificates of removal, 1751-1875, 2 vols.; transcript made in 1883 of extracts from Men's Minutes, 1686-1760, 1 vol.; transcript of extracts from Minutes of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 1757, Men's Minutes, 1686-1760, Women's Minutes, 1678-1760, in possession of Pennsylvania Historical Society, 1300 Locust St., Philadelphia. Women's Minutes, 1698-1760; in possession of Orthodox Friends, 302 Arch St., Philadelphia. The last three items may be transcripts or preparative minutes. Records after 1760 are in the name of Kennett Monthly Meeting but are included herein as no change in the particular meetings composing it was made until many years later (see Centre, entry 149, and Hockessin Meetings, entry 155).

149. CENTRE MONTHLY MEETING, 1687--, Centerville.

Organized 1687 as a meeting for worship under Newark Preparative Meeting (entry 148), services being held at Centre during the winter months to avoid the danger of fording the Brandywine. After several years meetings were held alternately at Newark and Centre. Present meeting house was built in 1703 after which meetings at Newark were abandoned. Meetings were held alternately with Kennett (Pa.) from about 1721, the name Newark being retained until 1760 when it was changed to Kennett Monthly Meeting (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). In 1808 the meetings at Centre and Hockessin were set up as a monthly meeting. The latter is now the more active, and monthly meetings are held in Hockessin although the name Centre, under which they were incorporated in 1915, is retained. Meetings for worship are held at Centerville but once each month from April to November inclusive. Meeting house stands on a hill a little east of Centerville. Plain stone structure. Cemetery, surrounded by stone wall, lies behind the building. Clerk of the meeting is Paul W. Mitchell, Hockessin, Del.

Minutes, 1922--, 1 vol.; Register (marriages), 1808--, 1 vol.; (transfers, births, children), 1790--, 1 vol.; in possession of Miss Margaret Mitchell, Hockessin. Financial. 1932--, 1 vol.; in possession of Lewis W. Phipps, Route 1, Wilmington (about one half mile west of Centerville). Men's Minutes, 1808-1921, 2 vols.; Women's Minutes, 1808-31 (Orthodox), 1 vol.; 1827-93, (Hicksite), 1 vol.; in Friends' Historical Library. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. I3, p. 54 (recorded under name of Kennett Meeting); vol. A4, pp. 542 and 544; vol. S4, p. 151; vol. Y10, p. 516; Certificate of Incorporation; vol. T2, p. 584.

APPOQUINIMINK (GEORGE'S CREEK) MEETING, 1707-1830 (defunct) Odessa. (Building 1738)

Organized 1707 as a result of meetings for worship held in private homes near George's Creek for at least four years previously. Was joined to the Duck Creek Monthly Meeting (entry 147) Removed to Appoquinimink Bridge (Odessa) in 1783 and in 1830 was united with the Camden Monthly Meeting (entry 160). Meetings were probably held in the homes of members.

Society of Friends reports no records known to exist except references to meeting in minutes of Western Quarterly Meeting of Women and Kennett Monthly Meeting (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania and Camden Monthly Meeting (entry 160).

150. LITTLE CREEK MEETING, 1710-1888 (defunct), Little Creek.

Organized 1710 as a meeting for worship set off from the Duck Creek meeting. In 1717 a preparative meeting was established under the Duck Creek Monthly Meeting, but no meeting house was built until 1771, the congregation meanwhile meeting in private homes. The second meeting house was built in 1802. This was located about one mile northwest of Little Creek near the Dover Road. Meetings were held regularly until 1830 when Camden and Little Creek meetings were held alternately. In 1852 Duck Creek Preparative Meeting joined with Little Creek Preparative Meetings which arrangement continued until about 1865, after which only occasional religious services were held until 1888 when the meeting house was sold. A Friends School for colored children was established not later than 1881 and continued until 1893, classes probably being held in this building. Has since been used as a farm building. Graveyard surrounded by high wall lies across the road from the meeting house.

Colored School fund account, 1881-93 in Treasurer's book of Camden Monthly Meeting (see entry 160), in Friends Historical Library. Record of Incorporation: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Y3, p. 12.

152. LEWES WEEKLY MEETING, 1712-1800 (defunct), Lewes.

Organized 1712 as an outgrowth of informal meetings for worship which are said to have been held as early as 1692. Were a part of Duck Creek Monthly Meeting (entry 147). Services were held in the home Cornelius Wiltbank. Whether or not a meeting house was built is unknown. Date the meeting became defunct is uncertain but deed dated October 23, 1813 for land "which had been used in the past as a burial place for Friends" on the south side of S St. was made out to the Friends of Motherkill (entry 153).

Society of Friends reports no records except references in minutes of Duck Creek Monthly Meeting (entry 147). Record of deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AH31, p. 96.

153. MOTHERKILL (MURDERKILL) MONTHLY MEETING, 1712-1830 (defunct), Dover.

Organized by members of the Duck Creek Monthly Meeting (entry 147) whose homes were too far from the meeting house. Records of the parent body show meetings for worship were held on Murderkill Creek at the home of Widow Needham as early as June 18, 1712. Robert Porter was appointed overseer of the "Weekly Meetings of Murder Creek". That these meetings continued over a long period is shown by their being again mentioned in 1728 when Friends of Murderkill requested a Preparative Meeting to be under Duck Creek Monthly Meeting. Sometime later a brick meeting house was built on the road from Dover to Magnolia on a tract of land called "Folly Neck". This meeting house was destroyed by fire in 1760 and shortly thereafter a brick meeting house was built on the same site. In 1788 the Motherkill Monthly Meeting was set off from the Duck Creek Monthly Meeting. Services were continued until 1828 when members re-joined the Duck Creek meeting for worship. Two years later they were united as the Camden Monthly Meeting (entry 160) and in 1844 the old meeting house was razed. Building stood on east side of Dover road a little north of Magnolia. Burial ground is completely overgrown with brush and almost hidden.

Men's Minutes, 1788-1830, 1 vol.; Women's Minutes, 1788-1845, (1831-45, include Camden Monthly Meeting, see (entry 160) 1 vol.; Certificates of Removal, 1789-1832, and Marriage Certificates, 1789-1829, 1 vol.; in Friends Historical Library. Record of deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AH31, p. 96.

154. COOL SPRING MEETING, 1720-1817 (defunct) Cool Spring.

Organized 1720 as a meeting for worship by the Duck Creek Monthly Meeting (entry 147) with the consent of the Quarterly Meeting at Chester (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). Was known also as Broadkiln Meeting. Early meetings were held in homes of members until the building of a small frame meeting house at Red Mill Pond. Deed for six acres of land on which this meeting house stood bears date of February 1, 1742/3, but the building may have been erected earlier. Such an action would not have been unusual at that time and place. Became defunct about 1817 and the land was sold in 1839, a small enclosed plot used as a burying ground being reserved.

Society of Friends reports no records known to exist aside from references to meeting in minutes of Duck Creek Monthly Meeting (entry 147). Record of deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. B2, p. 203.

155. HOCKESSIN MEETING, 1730--, Hockessin.

Organized 1730 as a week day meeting under Newark Preparative Meeting (entry 148), services being held in the home of William Cox. Set up as a preparative meeting in 1737 and the following year the present meeting house was built. It was enlarged in 1745. Monthly meetings were held alternatively with Centre in 1786, the meeting then being called Kennett Monthly Meeting (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). But in 1808 the two were set up as the Centre Monthly Meeting (entry 149) of which Hockessin is still a part. The Centre meetings were gradually discontinued, all monthly meetings for many years past being in Hockessin, but still under the old name. Meeting house is a plain stone structure covered with white plaster. Addition of frame construction. Slate roof. Building stands at the top of a hill. Cemetery surrounded with a stone wall lies across the road from the meeting house.

Old records and current minutes and register are incorporated with those of Centre (entry 149). Financial, 1888--, 1 vol.; graveyard records (financial), 1854-1938, 1 vol.; in possession of John C. Mitchell, Hockessin.

156. WILMINGTON MONTHLY MEETING, 1738--, 4th and West Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1738 as a meeting for worship. After meeting for a short period in the home of William Shipley, a one story brick building on the east side of West St. a little above W. 4th St. was completed. This served until 1748 when a larger two story brick building was erected on the corner of W. 4th St. Both the old and new meeting houses were used as a school from 1748. (See entry 157). Established as a monthly meeting in 1750 under the Concord Quarterly Meeting. Later quarterly meetings were held at Wilmington once each year. Present building, erected in 1817, stands in the graveyard occupying the entire block from 4th to 5th Sts. and from West to Washington Sts. Plain two story brick building. Georgian style. During the summer month meetings are held with the Orthodox Friends in their meeting house at 10th and Harrison Sts. (entry 161). Present clerk of the meeting, Clifford K. Sloan, Woodside Hills, R. F. D. 3. See: Louis M. Robinson, Society of Friends House (Wilmington, privately printed, 1914); Friends in Wilmington (Wilmington, Charles L. Story Co., 1938, 165 pp.); article in Wilmington Evening Journal, Dec. 8, 1920; photographs of three buildings occupied, in possession of Mrs. Margery Stapler Ayers, 1706 Woodlawn Ave.

Minutes, 1750-1901, 14 vols. (1750-1891, men's and women's separate, 1891-1901, joint, 1780-1824, transcriptions); 1803-27 (transcript made in 1909) 3 vols.; Minutes of the Committee of Advices in Sufferings, etc. appointed by Wilmington Monthly Meeting, 1756-88, 2 vols.; Minutes of the Society for the Relief of the Poor, 1813-14, 1 vol.; extracts from Minutes of Wilmington Monthly Meeting in the case of Benjamin Webb, 1831, 1 bdl. of 5 sets of papers 41 pp.; Miscellaneous Papers, 1743-1839, 4 bdls. Containing approx. 280 papers; 1750-1832, 16 envelopes containing approx. 130 papers; 1825-29, 1 bdl. Of 23 papers; in Friends' Historical Library. Above records were loaned when the meeting house safe was not considered sufficient protection but may be returned shortly as the condition has been remedied. Minutes (women's original), 1803-27, 1750-1827,; in possession of Society of Friends (Orthodox), 302 Arch

St., Philadelphia. Minutes (original papers backed vols.) 1780-1824, 1 pkg.; 1901--, 4 vols.; Register (births and burials), 1740--, 2 vols.; (marriage certificates), 1750--, 1 vol.; (certificates of removal), 1751--, 2 vols.; (members) 1807-82, 3 vols.; (burial permits), 1824-1929, 3 vols.; Recorded Burials, 1740--, 1 card file; Gravestone Inscriptions. Loose papers; Grave locations in Burial Grounds, 1 vols.; and 1 plans; Financial, 1750--, 3 vols.; Legacies, donations, and early School Funds Record, 1794, 1 vol.; Collection and Treasurer's Book, 1811, 1 vol.; Treasurer's Book of Investments, 1872, 1 vol.; Treasurer's Voucher's Reports, etc., 1901-11, 1pkg.; Papers relating to building of the Meeting House, 1816-16, 1 pkg.; Records of Alterations to Meeting House, 1920, 1 pkg.; Receipted Bills of Philanthropic Committee, 1895-98, 1 pkg.; Members and Attendance at First Day School, 1868--, 3 vols.; Minutes of Teachers and Officers of First Day School, 1895-1914, 1 vol.; Minutes of Female Benevolent Society, 1800-1912 (some items missing, 1829-60), 6 vols.; Treasurer's Accounts of Female Benevolent Society, 1 pkg.; Reports of articles distributed by the Female Benevolent Society, 1 pkg.; Papers pertaining to Friends' School, 1 thin Box; plans of Primary Addition to Friends' School, 1912, 1 roll; Treasurer's Book of School Funds, 1808--, 1 vol.; Records of Friends' Social Lyceum, 1 pkg.; Young Friends Association Minutes, 1894-1901, 1 vol.; Friends' Service Committee records, 1925, 1 pkg.; Friends Best Interests Committee Minutes, 1912-24, 1 vol.; and loose papers in folder; Deeds and similar legal papers, 1 thin box; in meeting house sage in custody of custodian of records, Mrs. Margery Stapler Ayers, 1706 Woodlawn Ave. See also records of Wilmington Meeting (Orthodox, entry 161) which contain some items pertaining to this meeting prior to 1827. Records of incorporation and deeds: new Castle Co. Recorder's office. Deeds Record; vol. L1, p. 76; vol. Q1, p. 431; vol. B2, p. 186; vol. F2, pp 268, 326, and 329; vol. M2, p. 275; vol. X2, p. 172; vol. E4, pp. 153, and 160; vol. K5, p. 3 09; vol. V12, p.533; vol. G18. p. 59; vol. T20, p. 544; vol. X20, p. 117; vol. Z20, p. 137; vol. B23, p. 272; vol. C23, p. 534; vol. R23, pp. 385, 532, and 535; vol. K25, p. 518; vol. C25, pp. 109, 121, and 129.

157. FRIENDS SCHOOL. 1748--, Alapocas Drive, Wilmington.

Organized 1748 by some of the first members of the Society of Friends in Wilmington. The first building used was the meeting house at 4th and West Sts., which vicinity at the time was known as Quakers Hill. In 1846 a new building for females was erected. The buildings were enlarged in 1883 and other additions were made until the school buildings occupied the entire length of the block, east side of West St., 4th to 5th Sts.. In 1937 the school was moved to the present new building, a large three story structure of Brandywine field stone, Delaware Colonial style of architecture, located on Alapocas Drive, just north of Wilmington. It is a co-educational day school, grades, kindergarden to senior high. The two Wilmington Meetings of Friends (entries 156 and 161) manage the school jointly. Present principal is Wilmot R. Jones.

Minutes, 1884--, 4 vols.; Enrollment Record, 1888--, 4 vols.; academic Record, 1891--, 4 vols.; in school safe. Other records of the school included with those of the Wilmington Monthly Meeting of Friends, (entry 156).

158. MILFORD PREPARATIVE MEETING, 1760-1832 (defunct), Milford

Organized 1760 at which time the members asked permission of the Western Quarterly Meeting to build a meeting house. Site of this meeting house or

weather or not it was actually built is unknown. Meeting was discontinued and members united with Camden (entry 160) in 1832.

Society of Friends reports no record known other than references to meeting in minutes of the Western Quarterly Meeting (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania).

159. STANTON (WHITE CLAY CREEK) MEETING, 1772-1891 (defunct), Stanton.

Organized 1772 as a week day meeting for worship under the Wilmington Monthly Meeting (entry 156). A meeting house was built in 1780. Established in 1734 as the White Clay Creek Preparative Meeting and in 1803 the present name was adopted. Present meeting house was built in 1873. One story brick building behind which is a cemetery. On north side of road directly west of Stanton. Services were discontinued in 1891 but property is still held by the Wilmington Monthly Meeting and farmers' grange meetings are held in it occasionally.

Minutes, 1826-91, 1 vol.; Friends Historical Library. Records of deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. F2, p. 268; vol. K5, p. 309.

160. CAMDEN MONTHLY MEETING, 1805-- (on highway to Wyoming) Camden.

Organized 1805 when present building was erected to serve both as a meeting house and school. The latter was on the second floor and was commonly called "Big Oak" from a nearby oak tree. Was intended to replace the Motherkill Meeting (entry 153), being located more conveniently for the majority of Friends. Services were not discontinued at the older meeting house however until 1828 when the members who were left at Motherkill joined the Duck Creek meeting (entry 147) for worship. Status of the Camden meeting prior to 1830 is somewhat indefinite. It may have been a Preparative Meeting under some other Monthly Meeting or there may have been a Camden Monthly Meeting during these years. But since 1830 when it united with the Duck Creek meeting it has been known as the Camden Monthly Meeting. Monthly meetings were held alternately at Camden and Little Creek. After 1865 meetings at the latter place became irregular and by 1888 had been abandoned, since which time all meetings have been held in Camden. The school established in 1805 was discontinued about 1874 or 1875. Building is two story red brick structure standing on south side of Commerce St. near the western end of town. Clerk of this meeting is George Butler. The southern Half Yearly Meeting is held here in October of each year. Clerk of this meeting is James Dixon. Paston, Md. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland).

Men's minutes, 1830-94, 1 vol.; 1894-1937, 2 vol.; Women's Minutes, (1831-45, in Motherkill Meeting Women's Minutes, see entry 153), 1845-74, 1 vol.; (1874-- in Men's Minutes); Certificates of Removal, 1830-93 (include Duck Creek Certificates of Removal, 1773-1830, see entry 147), 1 vol.; Treasurer's Book, 1830-93 (contains also 1881-93 colored school fund account of Little Creek, see entry 151, as well as a personal ledger of a shoemaker, 1892-30), 1 vol.; Manumissions, 1774-92, 1 vol.; 1 vol.; Extracts from records of Burlington and Philadelphia meetings, 1682-1783, 1 vol.; in Friend's Historical Library.

Minutes, 1937-- 1 vol.; Register (births and burials), 1745-- 1 vol.; (marriages), 1789-- 1 vol.; (these contain also records of Duck Creek, entry 147); kept in vault of Farmer's Bank of Dover by Walter L. Mifflin. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Z6, p. 308; vol. B12, p. 300; vol. Y6, p. 465.

161. WILMINGTON MONTHLY MEETING OF ORTHODOX FRIENDS, 1827--, 10th and Harrison Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1827 by conservative members of the Wilmington Monthly Meeting (entry 156) who withdrew and held separate meetings. That no ill-will was engendered by the separation is shown by the fact that both meeting continued to use the same building for a time. A school was established in 1831 in a building at 11th and Market Sts. and this building no doubt served also as a meeting house. Two years later a small frame schoolhouse was built on a lot near the NE Corner of 9th and Tatnall Sts. This school with additions was continued until 1909. The present Friends School (entry 157) is managed by both meetings. Adjoining properties were purchased in 1838, 1841, 1834 1846, and 1867, the final purchase extending the property through to 10th St. Meeting was incorporated under present name August 7, 1913 and new deeds made in the corporate name covering all property. Site of present meeting house was purchased, November 24, 1914 and the building completed the following year. Plain one story stone structure. During the summer months joint meetings are held with the Hicksite Friends in this building.

Minutes, 1913--, 4 vols.; in possession of Arthur H. Wilkins, 616 S. Bancroft Parkway. Register, 1913--, 2 vols.; in possession of Dr. Robert H. Maris, 1102 W. 10th St. Financial, 1827--, 2 vols.; in possession of H. J. Tatnall, 104 W. 18th St. Records of births, deaths, and miscellaneous items, loose papers, 1790-1827, 1828-1885; certificate of removal, loose papers, 1750-1846; marriages, loose papers, 1828-1928; in possession of the Society of Friends, 302 Arch St., Philadelphia. Records of incorporation and deeds: new Castle co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. A5, p. 313; vol. H6, p.97; vol. M5, p. 17; vol. R5, p. 189; vol. U5, p. 157; vol. V6, p. 246; vol. N8, p. 143; vol. K16, p. 126; vol. Z19, pp. 310 and 334; vol. R24, p. 221; vol. S24, pp. 204, 209, and 445; vol. W24, p. 159; vol. G25, p. 442.

162. MILL CREEK OPERATIVE MEETING, 1836-1923, (defunct), (Mill Creek Hundred), Wilmington.

Organized as a meeting for worship under Wilmington Monthly Meeting (entry 156) in 1838. Services were held in the home of James Thompson until 1841 when the meeting was organized as a preparative meeting and the present meeting house built. Plain stone structure. Regular worship was discontinued in 1923; however, memorial services are held yearly. Property is still held by the Wilmington Monthly Meeting.

Records of deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Q25. pp. 109, 121, and 129.

XVIII. HOLINESS

This denomination originated as the International Apostolic Holiness Union. It was organized in 1897, at Cincinnati, Ohio, by the rev. Martin W. Knapp, Methodist Episcopal minister. Numerous branches of the Holiness denomination have developed, only one of which is represented in Delaware, aside from a few churches with no national affiliations.

PILGRIM HOLINESS

This branch at the Holiness church has been formed through a series of unions of the original International Apostolic Holiness Union with various other Holiness bodies. One of these, located in California, was the Pilgrim Church and upon uniting in 1922 the present name was adopted.

There are six Pilgrim Holiness churches in Delaware. Address of the Pilgrim General Assembly is 225 Ferris Ave., Highland Park, Mich. (see forthcoming Inventory of the church Archives of Michigan).

163. PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH, 1921--, Lindberg Ave., Laurel.

Organized in 1921. Services were held in a tent until the present building was dedicated in 1929. It is a one story frame structure with a belfry. First settled clergyman, Rev. Thomas Phillips, 1921-29.

Minutes. 1921--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1921--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Lydia Brasure. Register, 1921--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. F. C. Walls. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; in church. Record of deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DHQ273, p. 191.

164. PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH, 1924--, Reed and S. New Sts., Dover.

Organized and building dedicated in 1924. A one story concrete block structure. This church conducts camp meetings on the grounds previously used by the Camden Union Camp Meeting Association (entry 276) and purchased from that organization January 4, 1927. The grounds are situated three miles south of Dover on route 13. The pastor of this church is superintendent of the Eastern District and during the past year served as platform manager of the Camp Meeting in Denton (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland) held yearly under the auspices of the Eastern District. First settled clergyman, Rev. Mr. Moffett, 1924-25. See: article in Wilmington Journal-Every Evening, July 1, 1938.

Minutes, 1924--, Financial, 1924--, 1 vol. in possession of secretary, Elbert Lebo. Register, 1924--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor Rev. Paul E. Elliott. Sunday School, 1924 3 vols.; in possession of superintendent, Samford Thomas. Records of deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. T12, p. 374; vol. V12, p. 146; vol. D13, p. 303.

165. PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH, 1925--, E. Front St., South Milford.

Organized in 1925. Services were held in a tent until the dedication of present building in 1927. It is a one story frame building with a bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Charles Schelhouse, 1925--.

Minutes, 1925--, 1 vol.; Register, 1925--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1925--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1925-- , 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Charles Schelhouse. Record of deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol.DHH264, p. 79.

166. PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH, 1926--, Union St., Milton.

Organized 1926. Present building dedicated in 1926, is a one story frame structure with belfry and bell. A Camp Meeting conducted by this church each year during the month of August. First settled clergyman, Rev. H. P. Adams, 1926-33.

Minutes, 1926--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Harry Williams. Register, 1926--, in possession of pastor, Rev. Raymond Simpson. Financial, 1926--, in possession of Paul Vincent. Sunday School, 1926--, in possession of Joseph Wells. Records of deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DHB258, p. 168; vol. DHG263, p. 294.

167. PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH, 1928--, Roxanna.

Organized and building dedicated in 1928. It was remodeled in 1935. It is a one story frame structure with a bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. S. Boffart, 1928-32.

Minutes, 1928--, 1 vol.; in possession of Carnel Steele. Register 1928--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. W. M. Lowry. Financial, 1928--, 1 vol.; in possession of L. Palmer. Sunday School, 1928. 1 vol.; in possession of Hazel Kelly. Record of deed: Sussex co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DHQ273, p. 273.

168. PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH, 1935--, Main St. Gumboro.

Organized and building dedicated in 1935. It is a one story frame structure with bell and steeple. First settled clergyman, Rev. M. R. Elliot, 1935--.

Minutes, 1935--, 1 vol., Financial, 1935--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1935--, 5 vols.; in possession of George Brittingham. Register, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. M. R. Elliot. Record of deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DIO297, p. 493.

Unaffiliated Holiness Churches

There are seven Holiness churches in this State having no connection with each other or with any National organization.

169. TRIUMPH THE CHURCH AND KINGDOM IN GOD IN CHRIST (Colored). 1926--, 726 Bonnett St. (211 E. 11th St. Basement)., Wilmington.

Organized 1926. Services were held in several rented rooms. Present room dedicated 1938. First settled Clergyman, Rev. Emanuel M Carroll, 1926-38.

Minutes, 1933--, 1 vol.; R3egister, 1926--, 1 vol.; financial, 1926--, 1 vol.; in possession of Julia Lewis, 827 Poplar St.

170. PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH, (defunct) 1930-1938, 1111 E. 11th St., Wilmington.

Organized 1930. Quartered in rented room from 1930 to 1935. Present

services held in First Swedish M. E. Church M. E. Church building (entry 308). First settled clergyman, Rev. Eugene Hostetter, 1930-32; educated at Christian Alliance Seminary, Richmond, Va. Minutes, 1930--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of Jennie Davidson, 203 West 19th St. Sunday School, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, Mrs. Maude Hastings, 7th and King Sts.

171. CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST (Colored), 1930--, 1126 French St. Wilmington. ((No longer at this address, not able to locate – T. K. 507-40))

Organized 1930. Services held in rented quarters at 6th and Church Sts., 1930-33. Present building, a one story frame structure, was dedicated 1933. First settled clergyman Rev. Franklin Brown, 1930-33.

Minutes, 1935--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, Oliver Taylor, 613 E. 6th St. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of superintendent, Deacon Joseph Miller, 1219 Heald St.

172. UNITED HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE (Colored), 1935--, Lombard St. Wilmington

Organized 1933. Services held in several rented rooms. Present room used since 1936. First settled clergyman, Elder E. Dorthy, 1933-35.

Register (members. Deaths), 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of Elder William Fenell, 519 E. 6th St. Financial, 1933--, 1 vol.; in possession of treasurer, Clarence Hicks, 1312 French St. Sunday School, 1933--, 1 vol.; in possession of superintendent, William Wright, 618 E. 5th St.

173. GRACE HOLINESS CHURCH (Colored), 1933-34 (defunct), 423 W. Front St., Wilmington.

Organized in 1933. Services held in rented room. Defunct 1934. First settled clergyman, Mrs. Sarah Bell, 1933-34.

Minutes, 1933-34, 1 vol.; Financial, 1933-34, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1933-34, 1 vol.; in possession of church clerk, Mrs. Sarah Bell, 202 E. 2nd St.

174. MT. ZION UNITED HOLINESS CHURCH (Colored), 1935--, 202 E. 2nd St. Wilmington.

Organized and building dedicated 1935. It is a two story brick building. First settled clergyman, Elder Lillian H. Davis, 1935--, educated at Colored Holiness School, Kinston, N. C.

Minutes, 1935--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, Flora Heady, 128 Poplar St. Register, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of Elder Lillian Davis, 305 E. 2nd St. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of Sunday School secretary, Jane Reed, 332 E. 2nd St.

175. CHURCH OF GOD (Colored), 1935--, Clarence St., Seaford.

Organized and building dedicated in 1935. It is a one story frame structure with a bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Mr. Smith, 1935-36.

Minutes, 1935--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of Jerry Coleman. Register 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John Hubbard. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; in Sunday School room. Record of deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DHX280, p. 178.

XIX. JEWISH

From earliest colonial times members of the Jewish race are noted in Delaware history. Although not as numerous as the Swedes, Dutch, and English they nevertheless formed an important element in the State.

In a document included in the minutes of the transactions of the council governing Delaware in 1655 we find the name of a Jew, Master Jacob, contributing as a subscriber to the subsidy granted the Indians. The same year, according to records of the Dutch West Indies Company, Isaac Israll and Benjamin Cardozo were granted the privilege of trading on the South River. In 1656 a letter of remonstrance from the Dutch West Indies Company made it permissible for any Jew to settle and trade in the newly organized territory. In 1657, David deFerera and Isaac Mesa began to trade in this section. A letter from William Beekman to Governor Peter Stuyvesant, dated 1663, mentions honorable counselor Israll, a Jew, as being engaged in fur trade.

These men, though contributing through trade to the life of the community, were not an integral part of it. It is not until 1680 that we find mention of Jewish families actually settled in this territory. In a census of responsible householders, taken in that year, are the names of William Isaac and Michael Levy followed by the words "and family".

During the expansion period, which followed the revolution, the population of Delaware was augmented by the arrival of many Austrian, Hungarian, and German Jews. Records of this period are incomplete, but we do know that on March 13, 1819, Solomon Solis was born in Wilmington. He became the first President of the Hebrew Educational Society in Philadelphia.

No record is found of any attempt at Jewish community organization until 1881 when a benefit society (entry 176) was formed. Now, only a half century later, they have in addition to the five congregations, numerous organizations, a home for the Jewish indigents, a YW and YWHA, and the Hebrew schools.

The Hebrew schools are connected with the congregations. Their purpose is not to supplant, but to supplement the teaching of the public schools by instilling in the students an understanding of the language, history, and philosophy of Judaism.

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176. MONTIFIORY MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY, 1882--, Y.M.H.A. Bldg., 515 French St., Wilmington.

Organized in 1881 for religious and charitable purposes and to provide a cemetery for Jewish people. Incorporated 1883. This was the first Jewish religious organization in the State. This society, originally the Moses Montifiori Society, is the progenitor of all local Jewish religious organizations. As other organizations formed the purposes of Montifiori Society dwindled. It now provides a cemetery for needy people and sick benefits for the members. First meetings were held in the Morrow Bldg. 211 Market St. Then several rented quarters were used. In present headquarters, occupied since 1934, a meeting is held the first Sunday of each month. First Rabbi, Morris Faber, 1881-84.

Minutes, 1929--, 3 vols.; Members, 1938--, 1 vol.; financial. 1938--, 1 vol.; in possession of Morris Peck, secy., 1113 W. 5th St. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. O12, p. 232; Private Acts Record; vol. C1, p. 125.

177. LADIES BICHUR CHOLEM MOSHEV ZEKENIM SOCIETY AND HACHNOSAS ORCHIM, 1902--, 211-213 West St., Wilmington.

Organized in 1902 as Bishor Cholem whose major aim was the care of the sick and indigent. In 1904 they re-organized. In 1916 Ladies Moshev Zekenim Society, whose purpose was similar, was organized. In 1920 the two societies merged. The present building was opened and dedicated as a home for the aged in 1920. It is a three story, colonial brick structure. In 1926 the rear of the building was remodeled to be used as a transient shelter. First president, Mrs. Hannah Ray Topkins, 1902-03. See: Isaac H. Sortman, Golden Book, (Wilmington, Stuarts Bookbindery).

Minutes, 1925--, 20 bundles; Financial, 1925--, 13 bundles; Minutes and Financial, 1902-25, a few loose papers (incomplete); in storeroom. Current records in possession of Mrs. Isaac H. Sortman, 1206 Market St. Record of incorporation: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Certificate of Incorporation, vol. P5, p. 261.

178. YM & YWHA, 1902--, 515 French St., Wilmington.

Organized and incorporated 1902. First met at 417 King St. Then several rented quarters were used. In 1922 a building committee began plans for building a community center. At the same time Adas Kodesh (entry 179) announced plans for building a Jewish center. Interest in YMHA declined and in 1923 the organization became defunct. Their charter was repealed in 1933. The Adas Kodesh Center was dedicated in 1926. The center had much the same function as the Y and when the YHMA was re-incorporated March 6, 1934 the center became its home. It is a three story brick and stone structure with sub-basement. It contains and auditorium with stage, a gymnasium, a pool, and other facilities for educational and recreational activities. First president, J. Harry Gordon, 1902-05. See: Wilmington Jewish Communal Survey (Bureau of Jewish Social Research, New York, 1929). Life History of Adas Kodesh Center (Wilmington, Progressive Press, 1928).

Minutes, 1935--, 6 vols.; Members, 1938--, 5 file drawers; Financial 1934--, 4 vols.; in office. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Certificate of Incorporation; vol. U1, p. 17; vol. R41,

After the flood of 1838, 130 acres on
both sides of Broadway were sold to
Mr. James Piddle. The conducted cotton
mill here from 1845 and closed from
the "Kentmore mill". There was a firm
Bellevue in religion for many years
according to his preference. A great
many of his mill hands were of the
Colored race and there were no black
men at hand for them. In 1845
suggested Mr. James Piddle, the
wife of the founder of the firm.
Piddle and Co., then moved
Chicago to live in the neighborhood
contributing the help of Mr. Piddle
to the cotton mill.

Orthodox Hebrew

The Orthodox Hebrew religion is represented in Delaware by one synagogue. National headquarters are the Union of Orthodox Congregations of U. S. and Canada, 186th St. and Amsterdam Ave, New York City; William Wise, president. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of New York).

179. CONGREGATION ADAS KODESCH, 1889-- , 515 French St., Wilmington.

This, the first synagogue in Delaware, was organized and incorporated in 1889. In 1890 a religious group, Ahovith Achim, merged with it. A Sabbath school was established in 1898 and in 1904 a Hebrew school was opened. Until 1889 services were held in a rented hall at 211 Market St. In 1898 they purchased the German Lutheran Church (entry 185) on the present site. In 1908 the present building was dedicated. It is Moorish style, two story brick structure. It contains three massive chandeliers presented by the Sisterhood and a memorial tablet. First settled rabbi, Hayman Rosita, 1889-1910. See: Simon A. Krinsky, The Jewish Voice (Wilmington, Hebrew School, 1931-- , annual): History of the Campaign and Building of the Adas Kodesh Center Wilmington, Progressive Areas, 1928, 100 pp.). Wilmington Jewish Communal Survey (New York, Bureau of Jewish Social Research, 1929).

Minutes, 1889-- , 20 vols.; Register (members, deaths), 1889-- , 1 vol.; in custody of William Brodie, 3313 Jefferson St. Financial, 1889-- , 20 vols.; in custody of Moses Fine, 413 Jefferson St. School, 1900-- , 5 vols.; in possession of Simon A. Krinsky, 701 W. 10th St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. T14, p. 329; vol. R17, p. 327; vol. W23, p. 516; vol. E27. p. 565; vol. Z30, p. B38, p. 509; vol. Z36, p. 460.

Reform Jewish

In 1873 a national union of reform Hebrew congregations was organized. Since 1905 it has been represented in Delaware by one congregation in Wilmington. There were early attempts at founding a reform congregation. From the incorporation record we know that in 1895 the Congregation Shelom Chel was holding services in Smith's Hall, 504 Market St. The trustees of this congregation were known to be of reform tendencies, but no further records or information on concerning this congregation can be found. Services have also been held in Kent and Sussex Counties during the past twenty years or more. Such services were for a time held every two weeks in the homes of members. "The Kent and Sussex Hebrew Congregation" at present is continued mainly for social purposes. No records on this congregation can be located. National Headquarters are the Union of American Hebrew Congregation, Merchants Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio, (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives in Ohio).

180. CONGREGATION BETH EMETH, 1905-- , 904 Washington St., Wilmington.

In May 1905 a group interested in founding a reform Jewish congregation met at the YMHA rooms at 4th and Shipley Sts. This meeting was the beginning

of Beth Emeth, the first permanent Reform Jewish Congregation in Delaware. On July 18, 1905 they were incorporated under the present name. Services continued at 504 Market St. until present building was built in 1908. It is a one story brick structure with stone front; Moorish style. In 1924 the Temple center, a two story residence at 911 Washington St., was purchased and remodeled. First settled Clergyman rabbi, J. Korn, 1905-07. See: Rabbi Louis A. Mischkind, Commemorating the Twentieth Anniversary (Wilmington, Star Printing Co., 1923, 6 pp.).

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Unaffiliated Hebrew

There are two Hebrew congregations in Delaware which claim no National affiliation.

181. CONGREGATION CHESED SHEL EMETH, 1901--, 227 Shipley St. Wilmington.

Organized in 1901, by a group of thirteen Hebrew men and incorporated December 23, 1901. Until 1903 services were held in the home of Morris Chaikin at 205 W. 4th St. 1903-15 services were held in the home of Rabbi Rillel Sabrisky at 226 Shipley St. During this period, 1901-15, special holiday services were held in either the Bulsaki Hall, 2nd and Justison Sts. or in the old Fellow's Hall, 3rd and King Sts. Present synagogue was dedicated February 21, 1915. It is Moorish style, two story yellow brick structure, with stone trim. In 1926 the school annex was built. The Jewish Chapel at 406 Tatnall St. is conducted under the auspices of Chesed Shel Emeth. The chapel serves only one purpose. When a person of Jewish extraction dies and has no known relatives, the chapel is used for funeral services. First settled rabbi, Rillel Sabrisky, 1910-28.

Minutes, 1901--, 4 vols.; Register, 1901--, 1 vol.; in custody of Morris Thomas, secretary, 903 Lombard St. Financial, 1901--, 4 vols.; in custody of Joseph Silverstein, Financial secretary. School, 1925--, 2 vols.; in custody of Rabbi Philip First, superintendent, 412 N. Harrison St. All records in Jewish and in synagogue safe. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle

Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Y18, p. 106; vol. K22, p. 53; vol. W24, p. 86; vol. I25, p. 468; vol. C27, p. 136; vol. E33, p. 58; Certificate of Incorporation, vol. C3, p.296.

182. CONGREGATION MAGHEZIKY A DEUSS, 1929--, 715 Monroe St., Wilmington.

Organized and building dedicated 1929. It is a three story brick structure. On the first Sunday of each month services are held in the YMHA building at 515 French St. First settled rabbi, Joseph Kroll, 1929-32.

Rabbi Joseph Wertheimer, 112 W. 2nd St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. O36, p. 527; vol. B37, p. 552; vol. F37, p. 480.

Conservative Hebrew

This division of the Hebrew faith is represented in Delaware by one congregation. National headquarters are the United Synagogue of America with offices at 3080 Broadway, New York City. (See forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of New York).

183. CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM, 1922--, 18th and Washington Sts., Wilmington.

Organized and building dedicated in 1922. Meetings prior to opening of present building were held in homes of various members. Present building is a two story stucco finished brick structure, with stained glass memorial windows. First settled rabbi, Moses J. Abels, 1923-24; educated at Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York. See: Beth Shalom Bulletin published September to June, bimonthly.

Minutes, 1922--, 2 vols.; in possession of B. Albert Young, recording secretary, 800 W. 24th St. Register (births, marriages, donors, memorials, conversions, and Sketch of origin of congregation; incomplete), 1922--, 1 vol.; in synagogue, in custody of Rabbi Jacob Kraft. Financial, 1922--, 1 vol.; in possession of George Wintner, 727 E. 6th St. Day School (3 days a week) current record, 1 card file box; in church office. Beth Shalom Sisterhood, 1922--, 1 loose-leaf vol. per year; in custody of recording secretary, Mrs. Philip Colen, 1316 W. 10th St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol.Z30, p.568; vol. Y31, p. 314; vol.D32, p. 483; vol.K33, p. 593; Certificate of Incorporation, vol. U16, p. 182.

XX. CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS (MORMON).

For some years the Mormon religion was represented in Delaware by one church, a ward of Pennsylvania, but this church has recently become defunct and the remnants of its congregation now attend the Mormon Church of Lansdale, Pa. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). Delaware is in the territory of the Eastern States Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Frank Evans, Mission President, 155 Riverside Drive, New York City (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church archives of New York). National headquarters of the denomination are at Salt lake City, Utah (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Utah).

184. CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1918-37 (defunct) 906 West St., Wilmington.

Organized 1918, holding services in the homes of members until 1923 when quarters were rented at 208 Delaware Ave. Later occupied rented quarters at 406 W. St. and in the Old Fellows Bldg. at 10th and King Sts. until 1932 when the congregation moved to the Pythian Castle Lodge rooms ant 906 West St. Organization became defunct in 1937. First settled clergyman, Elder Reed Smith, 1918-21. Last clergyman, Elder Leo C. Christensen, 205 W. 30th St., 1936-37.

Minutes, 1923-28, 2 vols.; in possession of Mrs. Melvin E. Wilmer, 3312 Washington St.; 1935-37, 1 vol.; in possession of Elder Leo C. Christensen, 205 W. 30th St. Register, 1918-37, 1 vol.; Women's Relief Society, 1932-35, 2 vols.; Financial, 1918-37, 2 vols.; in possession of Eastern States Mission, 155 Riverside Drive, New York City.

XXI. LUTHERAN CHURCH

The story of the Lutheran church in Delaware is not that of the individual churches of that denomination existing today. It is the story of the early Protestant Episcopal (see section XXVIII) and particularly with that of Holy Trinity Church of Wilmington (entry 525). This church began its existence as a Swedish Lutheran Church and is today commonly called "Old Swedes."

The vessels bringing the first permanent settlers to the Delaware Valley, the Kalmar Nyckel ("Key of Kalmar"), and the Vogel Grip ("Bird Griffon") brought also the Swedish Lutheran religion. Services were held regularly from the day the expedition reached the river. We know this not only from the deeply religious character of their leader, Peter Minuit, who had been an elder in the Reformed (Dutch) Church (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of New York) while Governor of New Amsterdam, but also because of specific instructions to Minuit and of the interest of Sweden in regular religious observance and in the spread of the Gospel.

The first ordained minister, Rev. Reorus Torkillus, arrived in 1640 on the second voyage of the same vessel. His church was a log building within the walls of Fort Christina (see entry A, in this section).

With his death in the fall of 1643, and with the removal of the seat of government by Governor Johan Prints to Tinicum Island, the importance of Christina declined. Rev. Johan Campanius (1) who came with Governor Printz in 1643 built a new church at Tinicum in 1646. There he remained until 1648, visiting Fort Christina occasionally for services.

It is possible that Campanius preceded John Eliot of Massachusetts in Christian teaching among Indians. He studied their language and prepared a vocabulary which he used for translating Luther's Shorter Catechism into the Lenni-Lenape Indian tongue. He completed the translation after his return to Sweden in 1648 and had it ready for publication in 1656. It was not until after the death of Campanius in 1683 that Swedish interest in the manuscript was revived. It was published in 1696 by order of King Charles of Sweden, and several hundred copies sent with the Swedish mission to Delaware where it was used in Missionary work among the Indians. Several copies may still be found in historical libraries, including one in possession of the Historical Society of Delaware and one in the Wilmington Institute Free Library.

For a short time after 1655, there was no Lutheran church below Tinicum, but it is possible that the Swedes in the vicinity of Christina, if deprived of their log church in the fort, had services in their houses conducted by the Reverend Lars Lock or a lay reader. Sometime after the city of Amsterdam took over the territory south Christina, a small Lutheran church was established by a chiefly if not wholly Dutch congregation at Swanwyck, a village about a mile above New Amstel (New Castle). Little is known about this church aside from the fact that it probably survived through the first decade of the English period. Even the village of Swanwyck disappeared long ago.

(1) Often referred to as Holm, because he came from Stockholm.

In 1667 (three years after the English conquest of the Delaware) Lutherans in the vicinity of Christina and those of New Castle decided to build a new church at Crane Hook on the Delaware between these settlements. The small wooden structure accommodated Swedes, Finns, Dutch, (and it may be a few English families) in this region of the river and from the New Jersey shore opposite, until this church was abandoned in 1699 for the new church at the site of Christina (Old Swedes). The church was served by the Rev. Laurentius Carolus Lokenius (or Lars Carlson Lock), the only Swedish Lutheran pastor in this country at the period, by Domine Fabricius, a Dutch (originally German) Lutheran, and finally by Charles Christopher Springer as lay reader.

Occasional services of the Church of England must have been held in private homes during the last two decades of the century and as early as 1678 a minister of this denomination, Rev. John Yeo, from Maryland had preached in New Castle; but it was not until the formation in London in 1701 of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, that the English Church began to forge ahead rapidly through the efforts of missionaries sent, and in part supported, by the society.

Relations between these two denominations were close and cordial both in America and in Europe. In 1712 the Society sent a message to the King of Sweden, thanking him for his care of the religious needs of the Swedes on the Delaware, and Bishop Svedberg – whose son later founded the Swedenborgian faith (see Section XXXIII) _ was elected and honorary member of the Society.

The Swedish Mission to the Delaware was organized in Sweden in 1696, under the direction of King Charles XI, and three ministers were sent.

One Rev. Jonas Aureen came with instructions to return and report but before doing so he received news of the death on the King and, liking the country, he decided to remain. After preaching for a time on the Elk River in Maryland in a church not of the Lutheran denomination, he returned to the Delaware and to the Lutheran faith, becoming the second pastor of Trinity Church, Swedesboro, N. J. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of New Jersey).

Of the other two, one took charge of the church at Wicocoa (now Gloria Dei, see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania), and the third, Rev. Erick Bjork, remained at Crane Hook. He later (Aug. 1709 et seq.) preached in English as well as Swedish and most of the clergy sent thereafter were bilingual.

The churches of the Delaware were part of the Diocese of Skara and of the Archdiocese of Upsala Sweden. As they increased in number and importance a Provost was placed in charge of the entire group. While no periodic conventions or conferences were held, there were occasional meetings of the Swedish clergy in the earlier days, and later such meetings included the clergy of German Lutherans and sometimes the Anglican clergy.

Under primitive conditions, with churches scattered and ordained ministers scarce, it was but natural that the Lutheran churches and those of the Church of England should cooperate to supply ministers to vacant pulpits without regard to the denomination by which they had been ordained.

Under the weight of a predominantly English speaking population and intermarriages among the American born generations, the Swedish language gradually fell into disuse and the two denominations became indistinguishable. The last Swedish Lutheran pastor in Delaware was Rev. Lawrence Girelius, pastor of Trinity Church (entry 525) from 1767 to 1791. Being recalled to Sweden he was replaced by Rev. Joseph Clarkson, an Episcopal minister, who began his ministry September 25, 1792.

In the meantime the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania had been organized in 1748. Pastors of the Various Swedish churches including Trinity Church in Wilmington met in conference with those of this Ministerium and were very closely associated with them until trinity and several others were absorbed by the Protestant Episcopal Church. But in sections where there was continued immigration from Lutheran countries, particularly the German settlements in Pennsylvania, the Lutheran churches continued as such and after a lapse of a little over fifty years the Lutheran denomination returned to Delaware with the organizing of Zion's German Evangelical Lutheran Church (entry 185) in Wilmington in 1848. Until 1888 this was the only church in the State of this denomination, but there are now five churches and one mission pertaining to two separate National organizations.

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EARLY SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Of the churches established by the Swedes on the Delaware River, three were within the present limits of this State. But little is known regarding the first two. The third is now a Protestant Episcopal church, listed in Section XXVIII of this Inventory. The following entries therefore have not been included in the numerical series but are designated by letters.

A. FORT CHRISTINA CHURCH, 1638-55 (defunct), Fort Christina (The Rocks, Wilmington).

Organized 1638 under the leadership of Peter Minuit as an integral part of the colony. Services were held in the fort, probably outdoors or in any convenient building until a small church was built in the fort about 1640. This was probably a log structure. The second expedition of the Swedes brought the first ordained minister, Rev. Reorus Torkillus, in 1640. He died in the fall of 1643, shortly after the arrival of Governor Johan Printz. The latter, who was accompanied by Rev. Johan Campanius Holm, removed the seat of government to Tinicum Island, leaving but a small garrison at Fort Christina. No church was built at the new location until 1646. Therefore it is sometimes considered that services were continued at Christiana until that date. But with the minister and the bulk of the congregation about fifteen miles up the river, it seems unlikely that after the removal of the Governor there were regular services or an organized congregation.

However it is possible that the church was re-established during the administration of Governor Johan Rising, 1654-55. Although other accounts state that Rev. Matthias Nortunius, one of the two ministers with Rising's expedition, was stationed at Upland (Chester, Pa.), when Peter Stuyvesant took this fort in the fall of 1655 Rev. Johannes Megapolensis with Stuyvesant's expedition reported the Rev. Nortunius stationed at Fort Christina was sent back to Sweden. There were three Swedish ministers on the Delaware at the time, of which one is known to have been at Fort Trinity (New Castle). The one who remained, Rev. Lars Lokenius, lived at Upland and it is reasonable to suppose he was there during the period of Governor Rising's administration. It is also unlikely that two ministers would be stationed at the same fort in view of the sparse and scattered population. The account given by the

Rev. Megapolensis is contemporaneous and considered in connection with the above may reasonably be regarded as correct.

During the Dutch occupation occasional services of the Dutch Reformed religion were held at the fort but there is nothing to indicate an organized congregation at any later date. First settled clergyman, Rev. Reorus Torkillus, 1640-43.

B. SWANWYCK CHURCH, (defunct), Swanwyck.

Date of origin is uncertain but it is thought to have been a few years prior to surrender of the territory to the Dutch. Located in the town of Swanwyck about a mile above Fort Casimir. It is doubtful if any church building was erected, although this is not definitely known. However when Fort Casimir, built by the Dutch in 1651, was taken by Governor Johan Rising in 1654 and re-named Fort Trinity he stationed Rev. Petrus Hjort, one of the two ministers with his expedition, at the fort as the center of his parish. No church is known to have been built in the fort and had there been one at Swanwyck so close by it would logically have been selected as the parish church. When the church became defunct is likewise uncertain.

Services were probably held first by Rev. Lars Lokenius and later by Rev. Petrus Hjort, during the short period he was here. He was sent back to Sweden when the Dutch took possession in September 1655. A Dutch preacher, Abenius Zetseroon who seems to have been a Dutch Lutheran although not an ordained minister is said to have preached to the Swedes at "Swanhook," in 1663. This evidently refers to the Swanwyck congregation, its proximity to New Amstel (New Castle), often called "Sandhook", accounting for the error in the name. Zetseroon seems to have been the schoolmaster at New Amstel at the time as he was offered that position at Tinicum, where he preached to the Swedes in the fall of 1663, but the people of New Amstel did not consent.

Also we find from the court records, (Records of the Court of New Castle – Capt. John Carr, 1676-1681; Lancaster, Pa., Colonial Society of Pennsylvania, 1904, p. 247), that Rev. Jacob Fabritius, who could not have been in New Castle before 1670, borrowed seventy seven guilders from this church, the money being advanced by one of the trustees. We would infer the church was still active at that time were it not that other exploits of the Rev. Fabritius indicate he was quite capable of borrowing the funds of a church long since defunct. The above record shows, however, that regardless of when religious services ceased the church had assets consisting of this debt and a certain amount of wampum until November 4, 1678. On that day the widow of the trustees who had made the loan asked the court to decide to whom it should be repaid. Their order that it should be paid to "this Church of New Castle as the nearest to it, those of ye Crain hook having already received a good part thereof" ended the technical existence of the Swanwyck Church.

Its existence as an active congregation no doubt had ended some years earlier. The Crane Hook church was built in 1667 but two or three miles up the river. As many communicants of this church came from long

distances and many also from the other side of the Delaware, it is unlikely this new church of the same denomination would have been built so close or even on the same side of the river, if the Swanwyck congregation were still active. The court record cited above reveals that the Crane Hook congregation received some of the assets of the defunct church and presumably also some of its former members. At the same time it establishes the fact that it was not a direct successor to the older church, since then no question would have arisen as to disposition of its assets.

Swanwyck, originally a Swedish village, had become almost entirely Dutch by 1675, as a proposal to form two Swedish Lutheran parishes on the Delaware with Rev. Jacob Fabritius to the lower one was objected to by the Swedes and Finns, saying "if the Dutch priest desires to teach let him remain among his own people at Swanwyck and preach before the Dutch." This shift in population together with the Dutch church in New Amstel, built in 1657, and the presence there for some time of an ordained minister probably resulted in a gradual decline in the Swanwyck congregation.

C. CRANE HOOK CHURCH, 1667-- , Crane Hook.

Organized 1667, holding services at Crane Hook until the present church was built in 1699. See, Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Protestant Episcopal Church, entry 525.

United Lutheran Churches

The evangelical Lutheran Ministerius of Pennsylvania, organized 1748, combined in 1918 with two other Lutheran bodies to form the United Lutheran Church, of which all the older Lutheran churches now active in Delaware are members. The United Lutheran Church, 39 E. 35th St., New York.

185. ZION'S GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHEAN CHURCH, 1848-- , 6th and Jackson Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1848 and incorporated October 25, 1856, by German immigrants, holding services in Old Central Hall at 4th and King Sts. Arrangements were made with Trinity Church (entry 525) for space in Old Swedes Cemetery, as the burial grounds of this congregation. They moved to 6th and Walnut Sts. in 1857 and again moved to 6th and French Sts. in 1865, remaining there until 1898, when the building was sold to the Orthodox Adas Kodesh Congregation (entry 179) and the present church was built. Dedicated the same year. Annex added in 1929. Romanesque style, with tower and bell. First settled clergyman, Re. Frederick Walz, 1848-52, educated in Germany. See: Rev. Paul Isenschmidt, History of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, (Reading, Pa., German Druckerei, 1898); Zion Messenger, published by church, 1933-- , article in Wilmington Every Evening, Dec. 1 19928.

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186. ST. STEPHEN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1888-- , 13th and Broom Sts.,
Wilmington.

Organized 1888 and incorporated 1889 as the English Lutheran Congregation, holding services in the Wilmington Institute Building, 8th and Market Sts. and 604 Market St., for a few months. Before the end of the year they moved to 708 Tatnall St., where they remained until 1928 when the present church was opened and dedicated. Two story stone structure. Gothic style with stained glass windows and numerous memorial plaques in auditorium. First settled clergyman Rev. William A. Sadtler, 1888-90. See: George A. Steigler, Dedication on Services (Wilmington, Cann and Kindig, 1928); Frederick Doerr, Silver Anniversary, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 1888-1913 (Wilmington, Mercantile Printing Co., 1913, 16 pp.); articles in Wilmington newspapers, Morning News, Dec. 20, 1926; _ Every Evening, Apr. 25, 1927; Evening Journal, Dec. 31, 1927 and Feb. 2, 1928.

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187. HOLY TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1906-- , Concord Ave. and Madison
St., Wilmington

Organized and incorporated May 27, 1906 holding services in the Junior Order of United American Mechanics Hall until fall when congregation moved into a new frame building on present site. This was used until 1908 when the present church was opened and dedicated. Addition built in 1919. Gothic style with stained glass memorial windows and brass memorial tablets. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. H. Main, 1906-08, Gettysburg College and Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa. See: Rev. James F. Kelly, historical sketch (Wilmington, privately printed, 1927); occasional directories published; weekly bulletins, 1926.

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The following churches are affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other States, the President of which is Rev. J. W. Behuken, 533 S. Kenilworth Ave., Oak Park, Ill. This and four other synods compose the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

188. ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1900-1915 (defunct), Rising Sun.

Organized 1900. Services were held in members' homes until dedication of present building in 1903. It is a one story frame structure. Church became defunct in 1915. First settled clergyman, Rev., Mr. Zimmerman, 1903-06. St. John's Church, successor to St. Paul's, reports no records found.

189. ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1916--, 100 E. Lotus St. (cor. of Park Ave.) Dover.

Organized 1916 and is outgrowth of St. John's Lutheran Church, Maryland, Md., (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland). In 1916 the present organization took over the abandoned church building of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rising Sun (now defunct, entry 188) and changed the name to St. John's. Preaching stations in private homes were maintained for some years in Harrington, Owens, and Hartly as well as in nearby Maryland points. Services are still held regularly in Owens. In 1923 services were held in the Century Club, Dover, while the present church was being built. Present building dedicated 1925. A one story frame structure with belfry and bell. English architecture. First settled Clergyman, Rev. C. T. Ohlinger, 1916-25, educated at Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

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190. CONCORDIA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1931--, 900 Washington St., Wilmington.

Mission of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Dover established in 1931. Services were held in the Community Hall in Claymont until 1936, when the congregation moved to the present rented quarters in the American Order of United Workmen Hall. Mission is under the care of Rev. George Horn of St. John's Church. Financial, 1931--, 1 vol., in possession of William Diskau, 1902 Delaware Ave. All others combined with records of St. John's Church, Dover (entry 189).

Name changed to Concordia E. Lutheran Church from Evangelical Lutheran Mission in 1938. Church located at 706 Del. Ave. All records are in Wilmington in possession of Rev. Howard W. Jepker, 1312 Washington St.

XXII. MENNONITES

A small colony under the leadership of Pieter Cornelis Plockhoy, who is said to have been a Mennonite, settled near the present site of Lewes in 1662. Although no minister accompanied them for the reason that they were "of various religious opinions," they are generally considered a Mennonite colony.

This settlement, founded under the authority of the City of Amsterdam, was destroyed by the English in 1664. The fate of its inhabitants is not definitely known but some may have returned when it was safe to do so. Records of the court of Lewistown (now Lewes) show that in November 1682 land in the town, on which he "already owned a house," was granted to Cornelis Plockhoy. He may have met with reverses later as in 1695 and aged blind man accompanied by his wife arrived in Germantown where they were kindly received and cared for. His name was Cornelis Plockhoy and he is thought to have been the same Plockhoy whose colony had been lost thirty years previously.

The Germantown settlement was the first successful Mennonite colony on the Delaware. This town, now a part of Philadelphia, was founded in 1683, a few members arriving on August 20th on the ship "America". They were followed October 6, 1683 on the ship "Concord".

The Mennonites have separated into a number of branches, sixteen (in addition to five unaffiliated churches) being listed in the 1926 Census of Religious Bodies.

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CONSERVATIVE AMISH MENNONITES

The Conservative Amish Mennonites represent an element intermediate between the Old Order Amish Mennonites and those belonging to the Mennonite Church. While they adhere to many of the customs of the Old Order they do not always hold services in their homes but, when the congregation is large enough, they meet in church buildings. They also have Sunday schools in connection with their churches and in general their records are more complete than those kept by the Old Order churches. They hold annual General Conferences. The present secretary is Edwin Albrecht, Flint, Mich. (See forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Michigan).

191. GREENWOOD MINNINITE CHURCH, 1913--, Greenwood.

Organized 1913, members being new settlers in the neighborhood coming from various other States. Meetings held first in private homes and later in a school building. Present meeting house, a two story frame barn remodeled for church purposes, was opened and dedicated July 4, 1920. First settled clergyman, Joseph Miller, 1913 – 19.

Register; in possession of pastor, Nevin Bender. Financial record; in possession of Elias Slabaugh. Sunday school; in possession of Davis Yoder, Jr.

Old Order Amish Mennonites

Members of this branch of the Mennonites do not have church buildings but meet in private homes. Each group is largely autonomous and no standards have been established for church records. In many cases they are almost non-existent. Their ministers are ordained as "Bishops," each Bishop having authority to ordain other Bishops. Although they have no formal National organization and no conferences are held, reliable information regarding them may be obtained by communicating with Daniel Kauffman, Scottdale, Pa., who is in touch with many of their congregations.

192. EAST DOVER MENNONITE CHURCH, 1914-16, 1920--, Dover.

Organized about 1914. Several families moved away and the church was dormant from about 1916 until 1920 when it was re-organized due to new Mennonite settlers in the neighborhood. As is customary with the Old Order Mennonites they have no church building, services being held in the homes of members, most of whom live in East Dover Hundred to the north and west of the city of Dover. First settled clergyman, Bishop David Y. Miller, 1914-28.

Marriage Records, 1922-28; included with those of Northwest Dover Church (entry 194). Marriage Certificate Stubs, 1928--, 1 vol.; Financial (including record of ordinations), 1928--, in possession of present pastor, Bishop John D. Hoohstetler.

193. MENNONITE SCHOOL, 1924--, Hazletville Road, 2 miles SW of Dover.

Organized 1924 for the instruction of the older children. The smaller children attend the public schools. Plain one story frame structure. Present teacher, Miss Mary Yoder.

Attendance record, 1934--, 2 vols.; kept in schoolhouse. Financial, 1924--, 1 vol.; in possession of school clerk, Samuel Hertzler, R.F.D.

194. NORTHWEST DOVER MENNONITE CHURCH, 1928--, Dover.

Organized 1928, the congregation of the East Dover church having become too large to meet in one home. Membership consisted of those living in West Dover Hundred, until the congregation was again divided in 1929. Now includes only those living north of the Dover-Hartly Road. First settled clergyman, Bishop David Y. Miller, 1928--.

Marriage Certificate Stubs (including East Dover marriages, 1922-28), 1922--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Bishop Y. Miller. No further records kept.

195. SOUTHWEST DOVER MENNONITE CHURCH, 1929--, Dover.

Organized 1929 by members living in West Dover Hundred, living south of the Dover-Hartly Road. First settled clergyman, Bishop Daniel E. Miller.

Marriage Certificate Stub, 1922--, in possession of pastor, Bishop Daniel E. Miller. No other records kept.

MENNONITE CHURCH

This branch of the Mennonites differs from the Old Order Amish with respect to holding services in Church buildings. They also hold biennial conferences. Secretary of the General Conference is J. A. Heiser, Fisher, Ill. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Illinois).

196. GOSPEL HERALD MENNONITE CHURCH, 1930--, 401 Howard St., Richardson Park.

Organized 1930, meeting first in a rented room at 1522 W. 4th St., Wilmington. Moved to present quarters in 1934. Two story frame dwelling remodeled for church use. Services are evangelical and in summer outdoor services are commonly held. First settled pastor, Rev. Ernest B. Beam, 1930-34; educated at Academy of Brothers in Christ, Allentown, Pa. Register, 1931--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1931--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1931--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Eugene George, 401 Howard St.

197. TRESSLER MENNONITE CHURCH, 1934--, Greenwood.

Organized 1934, meeting in private residences for a short period. Present building, a former schoolhouse, purchased 1934. Remodeled 1936. One story frame structure. First settled clergyman, William C. Hershberger, 1935--. Register, 1934--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, William C. Hershberger. Financial, 1934--, 1 vol.; in possession of church treasurer, Fay Grassmeyer. Sunday School, 1934--, 2 vols.; in possession of secretary, Mrs. Archie Warnick. Mission Board, 1934--, 1 vol.; in possession of Dwight Warnick.

198. GOSPEL HERALD MISSION, 1938--, 3rd and Adams Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1938 as a mission of the Gospel Herald Church (entry 196). Services are held in a large room on the first floor of a two story brick dwelling. Mission is in Charge of Rev. Eugene George, pastor of the Gospel Herald Church. Records are included in those of the mother church.

The Methodist denomination originated as a group of "Society" whose members were largely communicants of the Church of England and the most outstanding of whose leaders, John Wesley, had been ordained minister of the established church.

The first preacher associated with such Methodist societies to visit America was Rev. George Whitefield. His sermon in Lewes, where he landed November 6, 1739 enroute to Philadelphia, was the first Methodist sermon delivered in Delaware. He later preached in New Castle County while on his way south from Philadelphia but no local societies were formed in this State at that time.

Thirty years later, Methodist meetings were held in Wilmington under the trees at the corner of King and Kent Sts. (now King and 8th). These were led by Captain Thomas Webb, an officer in the English army who has been stationed in New York, as barracks master. He had retired from active service in 1760 as the result of wounds received in battle. His duties as barracks master being light he devoted much of his time to the spread of the gospel and later, became a Methodist evangelist. He was chiefly responsible for the introduction of Methodism in Philadelphia as well as Delaware. Through revival meetings conducted by him several Methodist societies were organized in Wilmington and the surrounding countryside. The Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church in Wilmington (entry 200) is the direct successor to these outdoor revivals.

The work begun by Captain Thomas Webb was continued under the leadership of Francis Asbury, who came to Philadelphia in 1771 and who was appointed by John Wesley as assistant or superintendent the following year. He found in the entire country a membership of about 600 Methodists and about ten lay preachers. A year later Thomas Rankin was sent to America as general assistant or superintendent.

The first annual conference of Methodist preachers was held in Philadelphia. The printed copy of the minutes gives the month as June but the date given in Asbury's journal is July 14, 1773. Previous entries and the journal of Thomas Rankin indicate that the latter date is correct. Ten preachers attended the conference and the total membership of Methodist societies is given as eleven hundred sixty. Local quarterly meetings had been held previously, as such a meeting, in the home of James Presbury on the Susquehanna River, is mentioned in Asbury's journal under date of December 23, 1772.

During the Revolutionary period the Methodists, and particularly their preachers from England were placed in a difficult position. This was accentuated by their association with the Church of England and by John Wesley's loyalty to the King. Many including Thomas Rankin, returned but Asbury elected to remain and continue his work.

For a time this proved impossible. He took refuge in the home of Thomas White, Chief Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Kent County, Delaware where he remained for about two years. His host was arrested April 2, 1778 but was released. From Asbury's personal correspondence we know his sympathies were

with the American cause and that there was no valid case against him or against those who protected him. It was at Grover Bassett's home that he met Rev. Dr. Samuel McGaw by whom Forest Chapel (now Thomas' Chapel, entry 204) was presented to the Methodists.

The war left the Episcopal churches in a disorganized state and equally affected the Methodist societies allied with them. Their members were dependent upon the established churches for the sacraments of the church. But many of the established churches were closed and many of their rectors had returned to England. So, although without proper authority, some Methodist preachers began to baptize children and administer the ordinances, especially in the south where the need was urgent. Others refused, feeling they could not conscientiously do so.

Therefore, Wesley resolved to organize the Methodist societies in America into an Episcopal church whose ministers would be properly ordained to administer the sacraments. For this purpose he sent Dr. Thomas Coke with two elders, Richard Whatcoat and Thomas Vasey, to America in 1784. He appointed Dr. Coke superintendent and authorized him to ordain Francis Asbury as general superintendent.

In Barratt's Chapel (entry 207) where the two met for the first time in November 14, 1784, it was decided to call a conference in Baltimore. This conference met during Christmas week, completed the formal organization of the church, and adopted a church discipline. Although appointed by Wesley, Francis Asbury declined ordination as superintendent until elected by the conference, which was done promptly by a unanimous vote.

Evidence of the care and forethought exercised in the formation of this organization is found in the deeds records of the various county records. Deeds for Methodist churches still follow the pattern of a form of deed drawn up by John Wesley with the aid of Thomas Coke, the latter being a Doctor of Civil Laws.

The organization formed at that time still represents the main body of Methodists. Members have left at times to form other Methodist organizations but with few exceptions these have been relatively small groups. The slavery question divided the church shortly before the Civil War and resulted in the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the largest separate body, whose first conference was held in 1846. Reunion of these two church bodies in being arranged at present and will no doubt be an accomplished fact in the near future. The Methodist Protestant churches (see Section XXIV), both white and colored branches were also formed from the original Methodist Episcopal organization, the separation being caused by the questions of discipline and ecclesiastical organization.

The first Delaware conference of Methodist preachers was held while the Methodists were still "societies" associated with the established churches. They met at the home of Judge White in 1779. Even then the trend towards separation was evident and the conference resolved to guard against such influences.

Since the general conference in Baltimore, at which the church was organized, there have been annual conferences on a regional basis, delegates being chosen at these conferences to attend the general conference, which meets every four years. The churches in Delaware were members of the Phil

adelphia Annual Conference (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania) but in 1863 the colored churches in Delaware, eastern Pennsylvania, and the Eastern Shore of Maryland formed a separate conference under the name of the Delaware Conference (entry 347). Five years later the white churches of Delaware and Eastern Shore organized the Wilmington Annual Conference (entry 199).

In addition to the above conferences there are four colored Methodist Episcopal denominations represented in Delaware. Nearly half of the churches in Delaware pertain to some branch of the Methodist denomination, but the average membership is less than that of some other denominations.

Methodist ministers, except those in the larger churches, usually have charge of a circuit of two to four churches. The individual churches comprising a circuit may be changed from time to time by the conference and since the days of Methodist "societies" it has been the custom to maintain a "circulation of preachers" by frequent transfers.

Ministers submit an annual report to the conference and data from these reports is included in the minutes. The conference, however, does not make strict regulations regarding the records to be kept by the individual church units. This with the frequent changes in circuits and transfers of ministers, often to another state, has resulted in the loss of many of the older record books.

Some of the main facts may however be reconstructed from the conference records. These are usually printed, the Methodist having had their own printing establishment from the days of Bishop Asbury.

Outdoor revivals and camp meetings have always been a characteristic of the Methodist denomination and until recent years such meetings formed an important part of the activities of the churches throughout the entire Delmarva Peninsula. However, changing conditions, particularly the development of the automobile and the construction of modern highways, have eliminated most of them. The few that survive are attended largely by those who come for a day and drive home at night.

Camp meetings as a rule were not separate organizations but were conducted by a church or a group of churches as a part of their regular activities. In a few cases meetings were formally incorporated and owned property. On such a meeting in this State grew into a city. The present City of Rehoboth Beach was founded in 1871 as the Rehoboth Association (entry 298), organized as a seaside resort and site for a yearly camp meeting by the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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All Delaware churches designated as Methodist Episcopal and attended by members of the white race pertain to this organization. Offices of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church are at 150 Fifth Ave , New York. (See forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of New York).

199. WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1869-

Organized 1869, Delaware churches prior to that date having been associated with the Philadelphia Conference. First regular session was held in

Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington (entry 200) on March 17, 1869. Incorporated by act of the Assembly on April 1st of the same year (Del. Laws, vol. 13, chap. 418). Delaware and the eastern Shore counties of Maryland and Virginia are included in this conference which is divided into three districts with district superintendents located at Wilmington, Dover, and Salisbury (Md.)

Missions, many of which have later developed into churches, have been established from time to time by the conference usually in co-operation with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, a Pennsylvania corporation with offices in Philadelphia (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). Deeds records covering Delaware churches in the name of this board are listed with those of the conference. The Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society incorporated in 1900, functioned as a part of the conference, but have been inactive for some years.

In 1871 a committee was formed to organize an historical society but no action seems to have been taken until 1864 when a society was formed, whose annual reports are incorporated in the conference minutes. Minutes of the conference prior to 1900 contain numerous references to camp meetings but they seem to have declined rapidly after that date. They were seldom separate organizations but were informal gatherings under the auspices of an individual church or a group of churches meeting in private groves, the use of which had been granted the church for that purpose. Nevertheless many were held regularly over long periods of time and a few, notably Rehoboth (entry 298) and Camden Union (entry 276) were separate corporations with their own property. The conference is a part of the Washington Area. First president was Bishop Matthew Simpson, 1869-70. Present Bishop is Rev. Edwin H. Hughes, 100 Maryland Ave. N.N. Washington; D. C. District Superintendents are Rev. Walter R. Gunby, 2705 Harrison St., Wilmington; Rev. Ernest C. Hallman, Dover, and Rev. John J. Bunting, Salisbury, Md.

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200. ASBURY METHODIST CHURCH, 1769--, 3rd and Walnut Sts., Wilmington.

Informal open air services held at King and 8th Sts. in 1769 by Capt. Thomas Webb of the English Army resulted in formal organization shortly thereafter. Services held until 1786 in Capt. Joseph Gilpin's storehouse on King St. wharf. Then in School of John Thelwell, 3rd and King Sts., until 1789 when present building was opened and dedicated by Bishop Francis Asbury. The original plot of ground on which the church was built was much smaller than the present property. Additional adjustment lots were secured from time to time, some by gift, and some by purchase. Property on Shipley St. between High and Queen Sts. (now 4th and 5th Sts.), was purchased January 1, 1825 for the purpose of building a school. Property on the west side of King St. just north of 7th was purchased for a parsonage on January 7, 1843 but being heavily mortgaged and the trustees unable to meet the mortgage

it was foreclosed and the property sold March 10, 1847. Brick church, colonial style. Circular balcony for slaves added later and in recent year's exterior stuccoes. Bronze tablet in memory of members who died in the World War placed on Front of church in 1932. Churchyard contains graves of many noteworthy early residents. On front wall of church is a bronze tablet erected by the Historic Commission of Delaware. First settled clergyman, Rev. William Jossup, 1789-90. See: Rev. John D.C. Hanna, The Centennial Services (Wilmington, Delaware Printing Co. 1889. 295 pp.); Henry S. Bulany, History and Directory of Pastors of the Asbury M. E. Church (Wilmington, 1903, 71 pp.). Rev. Charles E. Davis, Asbury M. E. Church year Book Wilmington, 1934); articles in Wilmington newspapers, Evening Journal, Oct. 13, 1924, July 2, 1927; Morning News, Oct. 13, 1924.

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201. MOUNT LEBANON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1774--, 1/8th of a mile N. of Rockland.

Organized 1774. For many years it was part of Chester Circuit. Services were held in private homes, 1774-1834. Present building was dedicated 1834. It is a one story stone structure with tower, belles and eight stained glass memorial windows. First settled clergyman, Rev. James W. McGaw, 1868-70.

Minutes, 1834--, 2 vols.; in possession of Elizabeth Murray, R. F. D. 2, Wilmington. Register, 1834--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Walter E. Fosnecht, Cleveland Ave., McDaniel Heights. Financial, 1834--, 1 vol.; in possession of J. Ayers, R. F. D. 2, Wilmington. Sunday School, 1834--, 2 vols.; in possession of Hazel Talley, R. F. D. 2, Wilmington. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. Q7, p. 524; vol. L20, p. 144; vol. B38, p. 185.

202. AVENUR METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1777--, Railroad Ave., Milford.

Organized 1777 as society of Methodists. Infernal services were held in the home of Reynear Williams until 1789 when a frame structure was erected . Additions made 1790-1800. In 1840 it was replaced by a one story brick structure. Exact site is uncertain but it is thought to have been at North and 3rd Sts., present church dedicated 1871. A one story brick structure with steeple and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. William Ratecliff, 1789-90. See: Theodore Townsend "Historical Sketch of Church", in Conference Manual, (Milford, 1890); article in Wilmington Evening Journal, Dec. 18, 1926.

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203. WESLEY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, South State St. Dover.

Organized 1778. Freeborn Garrettson came to Dover, September 12, 1778 and preached from the steps of the Academy, situated on High St. (now Governor's Ave.). The following day a Methodist Society of twenty members was forged and met in the home of Mr. Hilliard. Services were continued until 1748 when a church was erected on the NW corner of North and Queen Sts. Present building dedicated 1851. Enlarged 1870, 1884, and remodeled 1897. A two story brick structure. Inscription cut in stone over entrance. First settled clergyman, Rev. David Abbott, 1782-83.

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204. THOMAS' CHAPEL, 1779--, (about 6 miles W. of Dover) P.F.R. Marydel, Md.

Organized not later than 1779. Built by Rev. Dr. Samuel McGaw, rector of Christ Church, Dover (entry 528) and called forest Chapel. Feeling that the Methodists under Francis Asbury's leadership could use the chapel to better advantage than the established church, he presented it to Asbury. This was the first meeting house owned by the Methodists in Delaware. It was later named Thomas' Chapel in honor of William Thomas, one of the early local Methodist preachers. The first building of logs was replaced by a frame structure in 1798. Dedication sermon of the latter building was preached by Freeborn Garrettson. In 1825 a brick building was erected and in 1877 was rebuilt. First settled clergyman is unknown but the chapel has probably always been part of a circuit. It now belongs to the Marydel Circuit in charge of Rev. C. Elwyn Ennis, pastor of Marydel Methodist Episcopal Church, Marydel, Md. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland). Current rectors are included with those of Marydel Methodist Episcopal Church in possession of Rev. C. Elwyn Ennis; Marydel, Md. Superintendent of the Dover District of the Wilmington Conference reports no prior records known to exist.

205. ST. JOHNSTOWN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1779--, R.F.D., Greenwood.

Organized 1779. Incorporated March 5, 1820. Meetings held in home of William Laws until 1760 when a frame structure was erected. Present building was dedicated 1766. It is a one story frame structure with cupola and bell. First settled clergyman, unknown.

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206. TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1778-- , N Race St. Georgetown.

Organized 1778. Incorporated April 10, 1809. First church, a frame building on Pine St. erected about 1802, was burned in 1806. A brick building on same site was then used until 1865, when a new church was erected on present site. This was replaced by present building which was dedicated in 1897. It is a large brick building with a belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Stephen Townsend, 1843-44. See Rev. Omar E. Jones, historical sketch (Georgetown, Robert 3. Houston, 1935).

Minutes, 1806-- , 2 vols.; Financial, 1806-- , 1 vol.; in possession of George Short. Register, 1808-- , 5 vols.; in possession of pastor Rev. Omar E. Jones. Sunday School, 1815-- , 1 vol.; for each class: kept in church. Transcript of Register 1858-1915; in State Archives. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AC36, p. 82 and 83; vol. AAB80; , p. 363; vol. AAB66, p. 129; vol. BO90, p. 394; vol. CCC120, p. 158; vol. DOF131, p. 99; vol. DET187, p. 27.

207. BARRAT'S CHAPEL. 1780-- , Route 113 (duPont Highway), 1 ½ miles N. of Frederica.

Organized through efforts of Phillip Barratt and Weitran Sipple. Church was dedicated in 1790. For more than sixty years the earth was the building's floor. It is a red brick building with gallery and erode benches. Old oil lamps have been wired for electricity. It was in this building that plans for a Baptismal Methodist organization was formulated by Rev. Francis Asbury and Bishop Thomas Coke in November, 1764. The churchyard serves as a cemetery in which are buried many of the early Methodist leaders of this section. Beside the road in front of the church is a marker erected by the Historic Markers Commission. First settled clergyman, Rev. Ezekiel Cooper, 1785-86. See: Norris S. Barratt, Barratt's Chapel and Methodism (Wilmington, Historical Society of Delaware, 1911. O@ pp.). Rev. W. R. W. Wilson historical record of church, on flyleaf of register, 1880; historical sketch, in files of Historical Society, Dover; articles in Wilmington newspapers, Evening Journal, Oct. 2, 1923, Sept. 27, 1924, Oct. 2, 1926 Sept. 27, 1930; Every Evening, Sept. 27, 1926, Oct. 8, 1931; Sunday Star, Oct. 7, 1923. Nov. 12, 1933.

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208. BETHESDA METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1780-- , DuPont Highway, Centerbury.

(over door "Canterbury M. E. Church).

Organized about 1760 and called Green's Chapel. Date when name was changed is unknown, but the old name was still used in 1856 when the church was in-

corporated. Services were held in a one story frame building on mile north of Canterbury, 1780-1856. Present building dedicated in 1856. Rebuilt 1900. A one story frame structure with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Daniel Lemden, 1856-? (Any records kept 1780-1909 now missing) Minutes, 1900--, 1 vol.; Register (including financial), 1910--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Daniel J Ford, Camden. Sunday School, 1935--, 3 vols.; in possession of superintendent, James Powell, Felton, Ladies' Aid Society, 1929--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Clara Rents, Felton, Record of incorporation: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; VOL. k4 P. 277L

209. CHESTER BETHEL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1760--, Faulk Road in Brandywine Hundred, (Summit, Pa.).

Organized 1780 as an outgrowth of meetings held for some years previously in private homes. The first of these were revival meetings under the leadership of Captain Thomas Webb. A church is said to have been built in 1780 near the present site. In 1797 an acre of ground was purchased on Faulk Road and a small stone church erected. This served until 1874 when the present church was built nearby. Two Story brick building with green serpentine stone front. Gothic style. First settled clergyman, Rev. Henry Senderson, 1874-75. See: articles in Wilmington newspapers, Every Evening, Oct. 12, 1912; Morning News, Mar. 31, 1936.

Minutes, 1857--, 3 vols.; in possession of Mrs. Herbert Talley, Faulk Road. Register, 1875--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. William E. Habbart P.F.D. 2, Wilmington. Financial, 1927--, 1 vol.; in possession of Leonard Talley, Faulk and Shipley Roads. Sunday School, 1872--, 2 vols.; in possession of Mrs. Harry Halbert, R.F.D. 3, Wilmington. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle. Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. S2, p. 242; vol. A10, p.161; vol. M21, p. 248; vol. H24, p.362. (Except for the notes for several copy-books, now kept in a bank vault, records 1780-1856 are loath.

210. MT. PLEASANT METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1780--, 3 miles SW of Laurel.

Organized 1780 and called Moore's Chapel. Services were held in private homes until 1781 when the present building was dedicated. Rebuilt 1892 and 1925. A one story frame building with steeple and bell. This is one of the few churches still having a camp meeting. First settled clergyman, Rev. Thomas Dunn, 1805-06. See: articles in Wilmington newspapers, Morning News, Feb. 15, 1933; Sunday Star, April 28, 1936.

Minutes, 1925--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1840--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of George Hill, R.F.D., Laurel Register 1900--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Jacob C. Hanby. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. CCD129, p. 416; vol. CCH139, p. 445; vol. DGH 244, p. 554.

211. BETHEL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1781--, on Delaware – Maryland line near Oak Grove.

Organized 1781. Incorporated March 5, 1807. First church built on present site used from 1781 until 1894 when present church was dedicated. One story frame building. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1894--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1894--, 1894--, 1 vol.; in possession of Daniel Calloway, R.F.D., Seaford. Sunday school, 1894--, 1 vol.; in possession of Frank Wagner, R.F.D., Seaford. Records of 11; vol. CCS144, p. 153.

212. FRIENDSHIP METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1782-- , Thoroughfare Neck, Near Smyrna.

Organized 1782. Services were held in log building on present site until 1666. Present building dedicated 1867. It is a frame building with cemetery adjoining. First settled clergyman, Rev. Mr. Cantwell, tenure unknown. See: Mrs. Edna Duke, and historical sketch, manuscript in possession of Mrs. J. E. Latta, Townsend.

Register (members), 1914-- , 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Norman C. Benson, Odessa. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol.Y2, p. 440; vol.P7, p.112; vol. F24, p. 69; Private Acts Record; vol. D1, p. 264.

213. UNION METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1782-- , 1 mile N of Blackbird.

Organized 1782 as "Union Meeting House". Name was changed in 1835. Until 1785, when a log church was built on present site, services were held in homes of members.1801-47, another log church on same site was used. Present building dedicated 1847. It is a two story brick structure. The graveyard surrounds the church. Here many of the early leaders of Methodism, including Bishop Levi Scott, are buried. The church now has but one service a year. First settled clergyman, Rev. Edward Sanday, 1831-07. See: articles in Wilmington newspapers, Evening Journal, Sept. 8, 1926, Sunday Star, Sept. 13, 1931, Morning News, Sept.14, 1925.

Minutes, prior to 1845, on single sheets. One each year, several missing; 1846-65, 1 vol.; 1865-- , 2 vols.; Register, prior to 1857, on single sheets; 1857-64, 1 vol.; 1865-- , 2 vols.; Financial, 1804-42, 3 vols.; 1842-65, single sheets, one each year; 1865-- ,2 vols.; Deed of Trust, 1828, signed by George Beaster, Thomas Stephen, and Hyland B. Pennington; at parsonage on Immanuel M. E. Church, Townsend (entry 195)., in custody of Rev. D'Arcy A. Littleton. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. D35, p. 50; vol. V36, p. 58.

214. SOUND METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1784-- , 5 miles N. of Selbyville.

Organized and first building erected 1784 through the efforts of Freeborn Garretson, who for several years had conducted informal services in this vicinity. It was a frame building with shingled sides and roof, and was located about one mile southeast of the present site. In 1807 the building was repaired and the church incorporated under the name of Williams' Chapel. Rebuilt 1829. Present building dedicated 1876. Rebuilt 1923. A one story frame building, with belfry and bell. A camp meeting was formerly held in a nearby grove but these meetings have been discontinued for some years past. First settled clergyman, Rev. S. E. Tubbs, 1869-70. See: historical sketch, 1784-1934, manuscript in State Archives.

Minutes, 1878-- , 1 vol.; Financial, 1892-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Hiley Budson R. F. D. Charles W. Robb, Roxanna. Sunday School, 1933-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Miss Grace Rasbun, R. F. D., Selbyville. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. AC26, p. 431; vol. AAO62, p. 475; vol. DGO, p. 42. (Any Records 1784-1877 missing.).

215. LINE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1785-- , on Delaware – Maryland line, 1 mile from Whitesville.

Organized 1785, Services held in private homes until first building was

erected, about 50 yards north of present building, in 1785. Second church, built 1838, was opposite present site on Maryland side. Present church was incorporated December 31, 1853 and building dedicated in 1874. It was improved in 1915 and again in 1937. It is a one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Zach M. Webster, 1887-90; educated at Wesley Collegiate Institute, Dover. Minutes, 1874--, 2 vols.; Register, 1874--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Arthur G. Thomas. Sunday School, 1935--, 5 vols.; in possession of Mrs. Arthur G. Thomas. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. BN86, p. 212; vol. BZ99, p. 504; vol. BBO114, p. 43; vol. DIG 289, p. 38. (Any Records which may have been kept 1784-1873 missing).

216. ASBURY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1786--, Mt. Vernon St., Smyrna.

Organized 1786. Incorporated March 4, 1799. First building, a frame structure on N. Del. St. erected in 1786. In 1843 a brick church was erected on the site of the old church. In 1872 the present building was dedicated. It was remodeled in 1925. It is a one story brick building with steeple, bell, and gallery. First settled clergyman, Rev. Joseph Everett, 1791-1803. Minutes, 1900--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, Harvey Jones. Register, 1845--, 4 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. James W. Colona. Ladie's Aid Society, 1929--, 1 vol.; in possession of president, Mrs. H. Sherwood. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. F2, pp. 134 and 187; vol. V2, p. 126; vol. X2, p. 131; vol. B3, p. 138; vol. F4, p. 279; vol. T4, pp. 276 and 272; vol. D5, p. 119; vol. F6, p. 198; vol. G7, pp. 255 and 257; vol. S10, pp. 316 and 319; vol. V10, p. 105; vol. W11, p. 183; vol. C12, p. 58; vol. B14, p. 64.

217. SALEM METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1787--, Christiana and Coochs Bridge Rd., Christiana.

Organized 1787. Services were held in members' homes until 1807, when church was incorporated and present building dedicated. Remodeled 1849 and 1884. It is a two story brick structure. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1787-1925, 2 vols.; 1934--, 1 vol.; Register, 1787-1925, 3 vols.; 1934--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1757-1925, 3 vols.; 1934--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Richard M. Green. Sunday School, 1934--, 1 vol.; in possession of Helen Johnson, Newark. Record of incorporation : New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. F3, p. 50.

218. LEWES METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1788--, 4th and Chestnut Sts., Lewes.

Methodist services were held in this locality as early as 1774, the meetings being held in private homes. Congregation was incorporated March 31, 1788 and a small frame church was erected on Shankland's Lane. This was called Ebenezer Church. In 1791 the present organization built a frame church at 3rd and Church Ln., and called it Bethel Church. For a number of years services were alternately held in the two churches until Ebenezer became defunct and the congregation joined with Bethel. In 1828 the church was moved to a site two and a half blocks east of the present church and rebuilt. This was used until 1872 when a new frame building was erected. Present building dedicated 1910. A one story gray stone structure with belfry and bell. Gothic style. First settled clergyman, Rev. Thomas J. Prettyman, 1880-82.

Minutes, 1846--, 3 vols.; in possession of George Varsh. Register (baptisms, marriages, probationers, members, class records), 1860--, 5 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Alpha B. Freye. Sunday School, 1936--, 12 vols.; (1 vol. for each class); in possession of Mrs. Alpha B. Frye. Typed transcript of Register, 1846-1933, in State Archives. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. B2, p. 303; vol. AAQ64, p. 137; vol. BJ83, p.512; vol. BK84, p. 319; vol.BX97, p. 103; vol. CCN139, p. 69; vol. DDV173, p. 33; vol. DDN174, p. 210; vol. DFG211, pp. 291 and 292; vol. BFK215, p. 285; vol. DGE236, p. 484.

219. MILFORD NECK METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1790--, Thompsonville.

Organized in 1790. Incorporated 1840 as Sandi's Meeting House. First building erected near present site in 1790. It served also as a schoolhouse. Present building was dedicated in 1840. It was rebuilt in 1874. It is a two story frame building with an inscribed stone above the entrance. Church first served by Milford circuit. Now served by Rev. Hugh B. Relse of Frederica circuit. See: sketch of early history of church, manuscript in possession of B. A. Thompson.

Minutes, 1917--, 1 vol.; in possession of Harry Clifton. Register, 1917--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1917--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. High B. Kelso, Frederica. Sunday School, 1926--, 1 vol.; in possession of B. A. Thompson. Ladies' Aid Society, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Mary DeBennett, Milford. Deeds 1830 and 1840. Constitution plot and picture of first church: in possession of B. H. Thompson. Incomplete records, 1838-1917, in parsonages of Frederica, Harrington, Houston and Milford. Records of incorporation: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol.A4, p.66; vol. A12, p. 348.

220. SALEM METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1790--, Church St., Selbyville.

Organized and first church erected, at northern edge of town, in 1790. This church was called Sandy Branch and was used until 1834 when a new church was built 50 yards northeast of first site and the present name was adopted. In 1834 a new church was built on Church St. Each of these was a one story frame structure. Present building was dedicated in 1911. It is a one story granite block structure with a belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, unknown. See: D. J. Long, historical sketch in The History of Selbyville, Selbyville, privately printed, 1934.

Minutes, 1844--, 1 vol.; in possession of B. Long; Register, 1905--, 5 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Roy T. Thavley. Financial, 1905--, 1 vol.; in possession of Raymond Morris. Sunday School, 1844--, 10 vols.; in possession of L. W. Long, Jr. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Records; vol. Au43, p. 483; vol. Av44, p. 163; vol. BBK104, p. 464; vol.BBV121, p. 538; vol. DKP194, p. 504.

221. PENIEL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1796--, 116 Main St. Newport.

Organized 1796 as a result of a series of revival services conducted during the proceeding ten years under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Caldwell of Wilmington and a local evangelist, a young girl recently arrived from Ireland. Services were held in the schoolhouse until 1809 when a small frame church was built on the present site. This was replaced in 1865, since which time the building has been remodeled twice, in 1890 and again in 1937. Two story brick building with stained glas windows. First settled clergyman, Rev. Ezekiel Cooper, who served this congregation in connection with the Asbury

Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilmington (entry 200) from 1796 until 1798. He made his home in the latter city until 1797 when an epidemic of yellow fever caused him to move to Newport. See: article in Wilmington Journal Every Evening, Nov.12, 1936.

Minutes, 1796--, 1 vol.; in possession of Lelia A. Lyman, Newport Pike. Register, 1928--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Jesse C. McCoy. Financial, 1879, 2 vols., in possession of Francis T. Hall, Newport Pike. Sunday School, 1809--, 1 vol.; in possession of Marie Perdham. Records of incorporation and deeds; New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. E5, p. 74; vol. G50, p. 106; Private Acts Record; Vol. A1, p. 294.

222. WHATCOAT METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1975--, Commerce St., Camden.

Organized 1796. First church, a small wooden building on Canterbury to Dover road, was used from 1796 until 1857 when present church was dedicated. Present church is a two story red brick with date stone. Dover ministers served this organization until 1838. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes (including Financial), 1699--, 3 vols.; Register, 1889--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. William J. Ennis. Sunday School, 1925--, 5 vols.; in possession of superintendent, Walter Simpson. Ladies's Aid Society, 1928--, 3 vols.; in possession of secretary, Mrs. William Evens, Deed, 1856, Charter, 1796; in possession of Walter Porter. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. F2, p. 186. vol. L4, p. 39; vol. B5, pp. 3 and 24; vol. R5, p. 342; vol. T5, p. 216; vol. B7, p. 51; vol. L32, p.310; vol. K12, p. 43.

223. ST. THOMAS METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1800--, 2 ½ miles Se of Shortley.

Organized 1800 as a result of series of meetings held in the home of Thomas Phillips. First church, a one story frame structure, was erected in 1800 on land donated by Levin Napkins. In 1857 it was destroyed by a fire and replaced by the present building which was dedicated the same year. Renovated 1892 and 1906. A one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1930--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Olivet Conaway, R. F. D. Georgetown. Register, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John H. Whedbee, Bethel. Sunday School, 1930--, 1 vol.; kept in church. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AAA49, p. 423; vol. BJ83, p. 311.

224. TODD METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1801--, 2 miles NE of Adamsville.

Organized 1801. Services were held in the schoolhouse until a one story frame building was erected in 1803. This was used until present building was dedicated in 1852. It was remodeled in 1920 and in 1928. It is a one story frame building. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1896--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1820--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. P. A. Johnson, Greenwood. Register, 1886--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Robert W Hastings, Farmington. Sunday School, 1920--, 1 vol.; in possession of Miss A. Calloway, Greenwood.

225. UNION METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1801--, Market St., Bridgeville.

Organized and first church built in 1801. Incorporated September 5, 1853. Church was a frame structure about a block from site of present

building. Present building dedicated 1889. It was remodeled in 1907 and 1935. It is a one story frame building with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. Dunham, 1801-04.

Minutes, 1801--, 1 vol.; in possession of Harry L. Cannon. Register, 1801--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John Hopkins. Sunday School, 1880--, 10 vols.; kept in church. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AAM60, p. 214; vol. BNO4, p. 104; vol. BBI118, p. 275; vol. BBJ109, p. 437.

226. GOSHEN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1802--, Union St., Milton.

Organized 1802 and called Goshen Meeting House. It is an outgrowth of service held in private houses. The first church building was commenced in 1802 but was not completed until 1820. During this period services were held in the incomplete building, which was situated on the site of the present cemetery. Present building dedicated 1879. A two story frame building with bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Joseph Dare, 1865-95. Sec. Rev. Robert V. Todd, historical sketch of church, in Register, 1886.

Minutes, 1873--, 3 vol.; Register, 1863--, 4 vols.; Sunday School, 1931--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Howard Davis. Typed transcript of Register 1863-1910, in State Archives. Records of incorporation and deeds; Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AC26, p. 18; vol. BS92, p. 136; vol. RX97, p. 88; vol. BBQ116, p. 593; vol. DEC181, p. 473

227. ZOAR METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1802--, 6 miles E. of Georgetown.

Organized 1802. Incorporated November 8, 1810. First church, a shingle wall frame structure, was built in 1802 and used until 1894 when a one story frame church replaced it. This building was destroyed by fire in 1910. These two buildings were on the present site. Present building dedicated 1910. A one story cement block structure. This church for many years held a camp meeting each summer but no longer does so. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1890--, 1 vol.; Register, 1890--, 3 vols.; Financial, 1900--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1890--1 vol.; in possession of Frank W. Lawson, Georgetown. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AG30, p.320; vol. BBV121, p. 346; vol. CCF131, p. 53.

228. CENTENARY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Market and Poplar Sts., Laurel.

Organized 1803 and called Zion's Meeting House. First church built in 1803, was on corner of Back and Corn Sts. In 1840 a new building on Isaac W. Birman's land was used. This building was later moved to the site of former church and used until 1866. A two story building on same site was then used until present church was built. Present church dedicated 1912. It is a one story granite building, with basement, bell belfry. First settled clergyman, Rev. Elijah Miller, tenure unknown.

Minutes, 1879--, 3 vols.; Financial, 1912--, 1 vol.; in possession of Frank Sirman. Register, 1679--, 4 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Walter Bearn. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; kept in church. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BR91, p. 200;

Vol. B392, p. 184; vol. BBC102, p. 334; vol. BBO114; p. 314; vol. DEF184, pp. 75, 77, 78, 80 and 82

229. COKEBURY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1804--, Highway 18, 6 miles W. of Georgetown.

Organized and first church erected in 1803. Incorporated 1816. The church building, built partly of logs, served also as a schoolhouse. It was used until 1869 when the present building, a frame structure, was dedicated. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1900--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1892--, 1 vol.; in possession of W. B. Owens, H.F.D. Sunday School, 1892--, 1 vol.; kept in church. Register, included, in Register of St. John's, Georgetown (entry 268). Typed transcripts of register, 1892-1914, in State Archives. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. A132, p. 436. vol. BH81, p. 293. vol. BB5118, p. 426.

230. CONCORD METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1804--, Main St. Concord.

Organized 1804 and first church built on present site. It was rebuilt in 1841. This was used until present building was dedicated in 1870. This church was rebuilt in 1920 and 1928. It is a one story frame building with a cupola. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1903--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1903--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. R. Collins. Register, 1903--, 2 vols.; Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Roy L. Tawes, Seaford. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Z24, p. 261; vol. BN87, p. 436.

231. MOUNT ZION METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1809--, Highway 13, 3 miles N. of Laurel.

Organized 1809 and called Elzy Moore's Meeting House, Name changed to Wesley 1925. Present name adopted 1852. Until 1854 services were held in a frame building, two miles southwest of present site. A frame church was then built near the present site, the property being deeded to the church. November 22, 1856. Incorporated 1881 and additional land purchased the same year. This building served until 1921 when the present church was dedicated. A one story frame building with belfry and bell. Name and date on corner stone. First settled clergyman, Rev. Elijah H. Miller, 1868-69.

Minutes, 1929--, 1 vol.; in possession of Elon Hitch, Laurel. Register, 1929--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John L. Johnson, Seaford. Sunday School, 1929--, 1 vol.; in possession of Preston Fleetwood, Laurel. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AAP63, p. 438. vol. BV95, pp. 24 and 318; vol. DFJ214, p. 197.

232. UNITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1810--, Highway 5, Fairmount.

Organized 1810. First church a one story frame building was erected in 1810. This was rebuilt in 1842 and used until the present church was dedicated in 1887. A one story frame building. First settled clergyman, Rev. John Wilson, 1810-12.

Minutes, 1887--, 2 vols.; in possession of Herbert Prettyman, R.F.D., Millsboro. Register, 1887--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Lawrence S. Hisbrow, Millsboro. Financial, 1887--, 1 vol.; in possession of George Harrington, R.F.D., Millsboro. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; kept at church.

Record of deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AF29, p. 93.

233. ASBURY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1812-- , 7 miles W. of Georgetown.

Organized 1812 and incorporated March 20, 1813 as Asbury Chapel. First building was frame structure on present site, 1812-37. Present church was dedicated in 1857 and rebuilt in 1930. It is a one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Wilmer Jaggard, tenure unknown. Minutes, 1903-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Greensbury Dukes, R. F. D., Laurel. Register, 1903-- , 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Oram T. Baynard, Blades. Financial, 1903-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Stella Tyndall. Sunday School, 1934-- , 1 vol.; kept in church. Deed, in possession of W. W. Tyndall, Laurel. Record of incorporation: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AH31, p. 40.

234. NEWARK METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1812-- , E. Main St., Newark.

Organized 1812 and incorporated April 8, 1813. Services first held in members homes. A church on site of Methodist cemetery built in 1812 was used until 1851. Then until 1861 a brick church on present site was used. This church burned in 1861. Services were then held in the Village Presbyterian Church (entry 499) until the present building was dedicated in 1865. It was remodeled in 1904. Enlarged by addition of Educational Building in 1932. It is a two story brick structure of Colonial style. First settled clergyman, Ref. Stephen Townsend, 1851-53, See: Rev. Nicholas N. Browne, "Methodism in Newark, Delaware" in Peninsula Methodist, 1888; copy in minutes. Minutes, 1914-- , 2 vols.; Financial, 1873-91, 1 vol.; 1882-1916, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1901-24, 1 vol.; in possession of David A Cronhardt, 33 Kells Ave. Register, 1869-- , 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Leonard A. White, 251 E. Main St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. M3, pp. 362 and 363; vol. C4, p. 74; vol. R5, p. 301; vol. 35, p. 356; vol. F6, p. 400; vol. I6, p. 311; vol. X7, p. 426; vol. Y7 p. 47; vol. Y9, p. 208; vol. S6, p. 251; vol. Z19, p. 189; vol. B33, p. 453; vol. C38, p. 361.

235. TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1812-- , Main St. Frederica.

Organized and first church built in 1812. It was about on hundred yards west of present building. In 1836 a church was erected opposite first building and used until dedication of present building in 1856. It is a two story brick structure with basement, steeple and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Robert E. Kent, 1936-45. See: Rev. W. W. W. Wilson, historical sketch, on flyleaf of register, 1883. Minutes, (including financial), 1856-- , 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1910-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Harry F. Mitten. Register (historical account, baptisms, marriages, probationers, members, class records) 1892-- , 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Hugh B. Kelse. Typed transcript of Register, 1858-83. 1892-1914, in State Archives. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Records; vol. R4, p. 51; vol. B5, p. 111; vol. A12, p. 172; vol. I12, p. 272; vol. M12, p. 154; vol. M13, p. 83.

236. BETHEDA METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1816-- , on State Road from Georgetown to Whitesville, 7 miles SE of Laurel.

Organized 1816. Incorporated January 21, 1826. First services held in

members' homes and in school house. Land for first church donated by George H. Vincent. First church, a frame structure twenty-five yards north of present building, was erected 1823. This was used until present church was dedicated in 1879. It was remodeled in 1913. One story frame building with a cornerstone and steeple. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1879--, 1 vol.; in possession of Daniel LeGates, Laurel. Register, 1879--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Arthur G. Thomas, Whitesville. Sunday School, 1935--, 5 vols.; kept in church. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. AP38, p. 120; vol. DFd208, p. 474.

237. SALEM METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1816--, Main St., Farmington.

Organized 1816. First building, of frame, about one mile east of Farmington was used until present building was dedicated in 1873. the building was remodeled in 1914. It is a one story building with belfry. First settled clergyman, Rev. John W. Poole, 1863-85. See: historical sketch in Register, 1880.

Minutes, 1883--, 2 vols.; Register (baptism, marriages, probationers, members), 1883--, 2 vols.; Sunday School, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. W. Hastings, Typed transcript of register, 1880-1914, in State Archives. Records of incorporation and deeds Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Records; vol. 16 page 565; vol. 25, p. 242; vol. P10, p. 253; Mortgage Record, vol. K2, p. 15.

238. KENTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1816--, Main St., Kenton.

Organized 1818. Services were held in a one story frame structure near the southern end of town on the road to Hartly, 1818-1875. Present church dedicated 1875. Rebuilt 1925. A one story frame building with steeple and bell. Peaces pulpit. First settled clergymen, unknown.

Minutes, 1876--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1876--, 2 vols.; in possession of president of Board of trustees, Edward Hughes. Register, 1876--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Jesse P. Landon. Sunday School, 1876--, 1 vol.; in possession of superintendent, Clifton Guthrie. Ladies' Aid Society, 1914--, 1 vol.; in possession of president, Mrs. J. N. Arthurs. Records of incorporation and deed: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. W4, p. 479; vol. L7, p. 42. vol. I12, p. 268.

239. ST. JOHN'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Poplar and Pine St. Seaford.

Organized 1818. Services were held in private homes until a frame structure was erected in 1820 and called Bochim. This and the second church, a wooden structure, built in 1860, were at 3rd and Poplar Sts. the present building was dedicated in 1898 and remodeled in 1933. It is a one story frame building with a steeple and bell. The present name was adopted by vote of congregation in 1870 and church incorporated February 24. 1871. First settled clergyman, Rev. D. D. Hudson, 1866-88. See: Rev. Lester B. Windsor, and historical sketch, (Middleford, J. Garland Hill Press, 1935). Minutes, 1866--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1866--, 1 vol.; in possession of Dr. Charles M. Bollis. Register, 1818--, 5 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John L. Johnson. Sunday School, 1933--, 1 vol.; per class; in possession of William Shubrock. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BRS1, p. 319; vol. BI82, p. 193; vol. BBL111,

pp. 412 and 414; vol. BBQ114, pp. 377 and 218; vol. DHB258, p. 551; vol. DBR274, p. 220; vol. DHB275, p. 354.

240. ZION METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1818--, on Milford to Rehoboth Rd. 3 miles SE of Milton.

Organized and first building erected in 1818. It was a frame structure which was enlarged in 1843 and used until present building was dedicated in 1874. Incorporated, June 27, 1874. Present building was remodeled in 1910 and in 1929. It is a one story frame structure with a bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. C. W. Pegg, tenure unknown.

Minutes, 1874--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of Raymond Lank, R. F. D., Milton. Register, 1858-82, 1 vol.; in possession of Rev. Omar N. Jones, Georgetown; 1883--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John T. Graham, Nassau. Sunday School, 1879--, 1 vol., 1929--, 1 vol.; kept in church. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. R283, p. 426; vol. BK64, p. 180; vol. BH87, p. 53; vol. BBI108, p. 280; vol. CCG132, p. 292; vol. DHA257, p. 574.

241. LEBANON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1819--, (Red Lion, R.F.D. 1) Red Lion.

Organized 1819. Services held in small brick structure near present site 1819-53. Present building dedicated 1853. It is a two story brick structure of Colonial architecture. It has a corner stone and four stained glass memorial windows. First settled clergyman, Rev. A. S. Sumpson, 1853-74. Minutes, 1851-93, 1 vol.; 1893--, 3 vols.; Register, 1893--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Robert S. Hodgson, Red Lion. Financial, 1893--, 3 vols.; in possession of W. S. Silvers. Sunday school, 1893--, 3 vols.; in possession of Marjorie Lynman, New Castle. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. X3, p. 393; vol. N6, p. 87; vol. M17, p. 377; vol. W30, pp. 355 and 192; vol. Z30, p. 111.

242. NEW CASTLE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1820--. 510 Delaware St. New Castle.

Organized as Nazareth, 1820. Services held in brick meeting house on site of present cemetery, 1820-33. Present name adopted and present building dedicated 1863. Additions built 1876. It is a stucco finished one story stone building of Gothic style. Cemetery adjoins the church. First settled clergyman, Rev. Henry King, 1823-24. See: historical sketches in New Castle Methodist Episcopal Church directories (Wilmington, Charles Gray, 1915 and 1935).

Minutes, 1820--, 1 loose-leaf vol., in church office in custody of J. Elmer Megginson, 6th and Fremont Sts. Register, 1820--, 2 vols.; in church office in custody of pastor, Rev. C. Nadal Jones, 523 Delaware St. Financial, 1927--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. John F. Clayton, 38-40 N. 4th St. Sunday School 1914-36, 1 loose-leaf vol.; in possession of Mrs. Marjorie Montgomery, 37 W. 5th St.; 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of Willard Johnson, Delaware St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. C4, p. 461; vol. S4, p. 9; vol. T7, p. 136; vol. U7, pp. 38 and 436; vol. G10, p. 416; vol. S12, p. 540.

243. BETHESDA METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1922--, East Main St., Middletown.

Organized and building dedicated 1822. Incorporated as the Methodist

Episcopal Church of Middletown, September 1, 1822. Reincorporated under the present name September 25, 1866. The building was remodeled in 1842, 1880, 1896 and 1910. It was rededicated in 1842. It is a two story brick structure with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. James Cunningham, 1837-39. See: Rev. Van P. Northrup, 100th Anniversary (Middletown, transcript, 1922). Minutes, 1852--, 4 vols. (incomplete); Sunday School, 1885-98, 1 vol.; 1924--, 1 vol.; in church office of C. C. Hopkins, Main St. Register, 1832--, 4 vols.; in church office in custody of pastor, Rev. Levis B. Morgan, E. Main St. Financial, 1885--, 4 vols. (incomplete), in church office in custody of Samuel Buckworth, Crawford St. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Z3, pp. 113 and 338; vol. B7, p. 493; vol. O7, p. 92; vol. X7, p. 430; vol. I8, p. 253; vol. O8, p. 108.

244. WILLOW GROVE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1823--..., 1922, Willow Grove.

Organized in 1823. Services held in homes of members until frame church on present site was erected in 1824. Second church, also frame and on present site, used from 1850 until dedication of present building in 1884. It is a one story frame structure with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Frederick Griffith, 1829- Record of incorporation: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. T3, p. 173, no other records located.

245. EBENEZER METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1824--, Pike Creek Rd. Pleasant Hill.

Organized 1824. First church, 1824-87, was a one story frame structure on present site. Present building was dedicated 1857. It is a two story building, the first story of stone, the second of frame. The Ebenezer Cemetery Association was incorporated in 1934. First settled clergyman, Rev. Joseph Brindle, 1824-26. Minutes, 1885-1934, 1 vol.; Register, 1855-1934, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. E. Buckingham, Pike Creek Rd. Minutes, 1934--, 1 vol.; Register, 1934--, Financial, 1824--, 1 vol.; in church safe in custody of pastor, Rev. Theodore Oscar M. Wills, Pike Creek Road. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. L7, p. 249; vol. N13, p. 560; vol. X14, p. 74; vol. B17, p. 425; vol. O38, p. 233; vol. R39, p. 259; Certificate of Incorporation; vol. D42, p. 508.

246. CHRISTIANA METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1827--, New Castle and Newark Highway, Christiana.

Organized 1827. First worshipped, 1827-56, in frame house on present site. Incorporated June 27, 1854. Present building was dedicated 1858 and remodeled 1929. It is a two story brick structure with a cornerstone. First settled clergyman, Rev. James B. Ayers, 1853-55. See: Edna Dickey and Rev. Richard M. Green, 105th Anniversary, (privately printed, 1932). Minutes, 1870--, 5 vols.; Register, 1870--, 4 vols.; Financial, 1870-1927, 5 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Richard M. Green. Financial, 1927--, 3 vols.; in possession of Edna Dickey. Sunday School, 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of Margaret Lynam, Newark. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. G5, p. 378; vol. R6, p. 78; vol. C7, p. 28.

247. ST. PAULS METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 19312--, High St., Odessa.

Organized 1831 and called Mt. Zion of Castwell (Odessa previously known as Cantwell Bridge). Incorporated March 14, 1833 taking the name of Cantwell's Bridge Methodist Episcopal Church. Present name adopted 1852. Services held in schoolhouse until 1833, then a one story brick building on present site. This was replaced by present building, dedicated 1852. Two story brick building, gothic style. Cemetery Association of St. Paul's, incorporated 1929. First settled clergyman, Rev. Jonathan S. Willis, 1859-60.

Membership, 1857--, 4 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Norman C. Benson. Records of incorporation: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. Q4, p. 131. vol. P6, p. 47: Certificate of Incorporation; vol. I32, p. 76.

248. EBENEZER METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1834--, Clinton St. Delaware City.

Organized 1834 as an outgrowth of Union Sunday School held in the schoolhouse and called Delaware City Methodist Episcopal Church, retaining this name until 1929. Services were held in private homes until 1834 when a one story brick church was erected on the corner of Jefferson and Williams Sts. this church was used until the present church on Clinton Street was dedicated in 1878. A one story brick structure with belfry and bell. Present name adopted January 20, 1928. First settled clergyman, Rev. John Ruth, 1956-57. See: Rev. P. B. Punter, historical sketch, 1898, manuscript; and Clement Evert, continuation of same, 1937, manuscript in possession of Clement Evert. Minutes, 1834-1927, 2 vols.; Register, 1926--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1927--, 1 vol.; in possession of Clement Evert, W. 5th St. Minutes, 1927--, 1 vol.; in possession of Miss Mildred Netsch, Adams St. Sunday School, 1927--, 1 vol.; in possession of William Geoghegan, Williams St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office: Deeds Record; vol. T6, p/ 110; vol. D9, p. 431; vol. F8, p. 310; vol. S10, p. 69; vol. O17, p. 194; vol. O35, p. 171.

249. PROSPECT METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1834--, State Highway 14, near Vernon.

Organized and first building, a frame structure on present site, erected in 1854. Present building dedicated in 1874. It is a frame building with a cornerstone. Present pastor also serves Salem (entry 237). First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1888--, 1 vol.; Register, 1888--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1874--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Robert W. Eastings, Farmington. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. I3, P. 190; vol. O4, p. 403; vol. O5, p. 90.

250. TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1836--, 5 miles W. of Bridgeville.

Organized 1936 and services held in the barn of Lewis Newton Bright. First church, a one story frame structure, was erected on the present site in 1844 and used until 1857 when the present building was dedicated. A one story frame structure with gallery, which was used by colored members. First settled clergyman, Rev. W. Spry, tenure of office unknown.

Minutes, 1886--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1884--, 1 vol.; in possession of

Clarence H. Nelson. Register, 1881--, 4 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. James H. Clow, Jr., Greenwood. Sunday School, 1933--, 1 vol.; kept in church. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office; Deeds Record; vol. BC76, p. 284; vol. BH81, p. 205; vol. BBL111, p. 483; vol. DFT224, pp. 45 and 65.

251. CONNELLY'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1837. R. F. D., Angela.

Organized 1837, holding services in a small frame building. Incorporated in 1839. This church was built largely through the efforts of the first pastor, who was also a carpenter. It was replaced in 1876 with the present church building. Single story, frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Mr. Connelly, 1837-39.

Minutes, 1869--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1867--, 1 vol.; in possession of James Hopkins. Register, 1867--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John T. Graham, Nassau. Sunday School, 1867--, yearly vols. for each class; kept in church. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office; Deeds Record; vol. AY47, p. 377; vol. AZ48, p. 214; vol. DEE183, p. 465.

252. MT. PLEASANT METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1838-1931 (defunct), Philadelphia Pike near Holly Oak.

Organized 1838 as an outgrowth of camp meetings starting about 1833. Services were held in Mt. Pleasant schoolhouse. 1837-38. Building was dedicated in 1838. Alterations were made in 1892. It is a one story, stucco covered stone, structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Ignatius Cooper, 1840-41. See: article in Wilmington Journal Every Evening, May 17, 1938.

Minutes, 1838-1931, 5 vols.; Register, 1838-1931, 3 vols.; Financial, 1838-1931, 3 vols.; Sunday School, 1838-1931, 2 vols.; in possession of Aletha LaRowe, Lore Ave. and River Rd., Gordon Heights. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. U6, p. 220; vol. X12, p. 227.

253. WHITE'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1838--, Highway 14, 3 miles NW of Nassau.

Organized in 1838 and named to honor Elder Henry White. The first church, built in 1839, was burned in 1871. Second church was built in 1872 and was used until dedication of present building in 1921. It is a one story frame building with a basement. First settled clergyman, unknown. See: Mrs. Lillian Vincent, historical sketch, 1936, manuscript in possession of Historical Society of Dover. Minutes, 1839--, 3 vols.; Register, 1839--, 5 vols.; in possession of pastor Rev. John T. Graham. Financial, 1930---1 vol.; in possession of Vincent White, R. F. D. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol. per class; kept in church. Records of deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BJ83, p. 553; vol. BY98, p. 82; vol. BBQ116, p. 583; vol. CCQ142, p. 517.

254. HARTLY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1840--, Main St., Hartly.

Organized 1840 as result of informal services held in the home of Thomas Landman and the Jones' School. In 1840 a one story frame building was erected on the present site and used until 1927 when the present church was dedicated.

A one story stucco and concrete building with cornerstone and dates. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1920--, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, William Powell, Register, 1920--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Jesse P. Landon, Kenton, Sunday School, 1920--, 1 vol.; in possession of superintendent, Miss Alice Heather. Ladies' Aid Society, 1925--, 1 vol.; in possession of president, Mrs. Leager. Records of deed and mortgage: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. K15, p. 204; Mortgage Record; vol. L5, p. 293.

255. DULANEY'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHAPEL, 1842--, Clayton to Massey Rd. Dulaney's crossing. Blackbird Hundred.

Organized 1842. Services held in small log church on present site, 1842-90. Present church dedicated 1890. It is a one story frame structure. At present the church is supported by four members. First settled clergyman, Rev. William McKenzie, 1890-96.

256. ST. GEORGE'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1842--, 6 miles SE of Laurel.

Organized 1842. Services were held in the Beaches Schoolhouse until 1844 when a one story frame building was dedicated. Rebuilt in 1928. First settled clergyman, Rev. James Hargis. Educated at Wesley Collegiate Institute, Dover. See: Rev. Albert Chandler, Delmar Circuit; (privately printed, 1885).

Minutes, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of C. R. Powell, R. F. D. Register, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Jacob C. Hanby. Financial, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of O. J. Workman, R. F. D. Sunday School, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of Howard Workman, R. F. D. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AAP63, p. 136; vol. BG80, p. 114; vol. BT93, p. 306; vol. CCN139, p. BN96, p. 15; vol. CCN139, p. 445.

257. ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1844--, 1004-14 Jackson St., Wilmington.

Organized 1844 by a group from Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 200). March 7, 1844, a lot at 7th and Markets Sts., was purchased and a two story brick church was erected. This building was used until the present church, an English Gothic one story stone structure, was built and dedicated in 1912. Stained glass windows are memorials to the Ladies' Aid Society, the Christian Endeavor and some deceased members. Baptismal font and communion sets are gifts. Additional property on 7th between Tatnall and West Sts., was purchased November 17, 1857 for a parsonage and property for a mission at Claymont and 14th Sts., was purchased June 5, 1873. First settled clergyman, Rev. John Kennedy, 1845-47. See: Rev. Vaughan S. Collins, historical sketch (Wilmington, Charles Gray, 1913); Edmund C. Hardesty, historical sketch (Wilmington, Charles Gray,).

Minutes, 1857--, 6 loose-leaf vols.; in possession of Harry C. Stanton, 605 W. 18th St. Register, 1866--, 5 vols.; in possession of Miss Risetta M. Emerson, 1004 Jackson St. Financial, 1865--, 8 vols.; in possession of Roland Gibbons, 711 W. 9th St. Sunday School, 1890--, 5 vols.; Missionary Society, 1877--, 6 vols.; in possession of William E. Skellenger, 412 W. 23rd St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds

Record; vol. M5, pp. 292 and 414; vol. A7, p. 236; vol. D10, p. 296; vol. I12, p. 9; vol. C13, p. 341; vol. D23, pp. 98, 283 and 286; Private Lots Record; vol. B1, p. 475.

258. NEWARK UNION METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1845-- (Carr Rd., Brandywine Hundred), R. F. D. 3, Wilmington.

Organized and building dedicated 1845. Building, in charge of a Board of Trustees who may permit its use by any denomination. Name is derived from Newark Meeting House (Friends) which was located on present site (see entry 148). The building is cement covered, one story stone. The windows, of Gothic design, are stained glass. Site of the old Friends Meeting House is shown by a marker erected by the Historic Markers Commission of Delaware. First settled clergyman, unknown. Minutes, 1845-- , 1 vol.; Register, 1845-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Harry Todd, Marsh Road, R. F. D. 3. Financial, 1845-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Elizabeth Evans, Concord Pike, R. F. D. 2. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. W17, p. 96; Del. Laws, vol. 23, chap. 85, sects. 1 and 2.

259. MT. SALEM METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1847-- , 19th St. and Mt. Salem Lane, Wilmington.

Organized 1847 by a group from St. Paul's Methodist Church. Worshipped in a one story brick building on present site 1847-78, when a new church was built. The following year it was destroyed by fire. Present church opened and dedicated 1879. Remodeled 1893. Sunday School building added 1917. Two story stone structure. Gothic style. Has square tower and bell, presented by trustees of Riddle Memorial Chapel (entry 297). First settled clergyman, Rev W. L. Boswell, 1850-51; article in Wilmington Anniversary Booklet (Wilmington, George E. King Press, 1922). Story of the Sinking Fund Society, manuscript in church safe, 1851; Articles in Wilmington newspapers: Evening Journal, May 12, 1928; Journal- Every Evening, May 1, 1937. Minutes, 1847-- , 8 vols.; register, 1847-- , 20 vols.; Financial, 1847-- , 8 vols.; Sunday School, 1847-- , 10 vols.; in church safe. Records are very complete and well preserved. Register and minutes include Riddle Memorial Sunday School records (see entry 288). Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Z5, p.43; vol. L6, p. 361; vol. O11, p. 196; vol. G16, p. 449; vol. T17, p. 540; vol. N27, p. 17; vol. V37, pp. 317 and 318; Private Acts Record; vol. A1, p. 202.

260. UNION METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1847-- , 5th and Washington Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1847. Services held in private residences at 3rd and Orange Sts. Moved in 1849 to 2nd and Washington Sts. Moved to present building in 1866. Two story brick structure. Standard American style. Inscriptions on bronze tablets and illuminated cross are memorials to deceased members. First settled clergyman, Rev. Edward Kennard, 1847-49. See: Rev. Adam Stengle, historical sketch (Wilmington, Delaware Printing Co.); Rev. John D. C. Banne, Evening Journal, Oct. 10, 1925, Oct. 12, 1925.

Minutes, 1847--, 2 vols.; in possession of Joseph Pyle, Marshallton. Register, 1847--, 6 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Thomas J. Sard, 507 Washington St. Financial, 1932--, 2 vols.; in possession of Harry N. Evans, 1304 W. 7th St. Sunday School, 1847--, 8 vols.; in possession of Harry C. Mounts, 520 W. 8th St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol.G8, p. 155; vol.M12, p. 306; vol. Y16, pp. 550 and 554; vol. Z16, p. 320; vol.X16, p. 215, vol. R25, p. 460.

261. BETHESDA METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1850--, ½ mile W. of Stockley.

Organized and building dedicated 1850. Until 1896 this building was situated about two miles east of present site. In that year it was moved to present location and rebuilt. A one story frame structure with gallery. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1930--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Ernest N. Wright, Georgetown. Register, 1858-82, 1 vol.; in possession of Frances Marvel, R. F. D., Georgetown. Register, 1892--, included in Register of St. John's Georgetown, (entry 268). Typed transcripts of Register, 1892-1914, in State Archives. Record of deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBW122, p. 508.

262. FELTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1850--, Main St., Felton.

Organized 1850 and services held in a small frame building, situated one half mile from Felton on the road to Frederica. This was used until the present building was dedicated in 1881. A one story brick structure with steeple. First settled clergyman, Rev. Horace A. Cleveland, 1865-66.

Minutes, 1890--, 1 vol.; Register (including Masten's entry 294, and Viola, entry 317, churches; historical account, baptisms, marriages, probationers, members, class records) 1865-93, 1 vol.; (baptisms, marriages, probationers, members, class records) 1892--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1890--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1954--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Edmund W. Henvis, Felton. Typed transcript of Register, 1865-1914, in State Archives. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Q4, p. 4; vol. Y4, p. 455; vol. B5, p. 270; vol. P14, p. 496; vol. Q14, p. 25.

263. NEW MARKET METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1851-1930 (defunct), 2 miles E. of Ellendale.

Organized and first building erected about 1851. Present church was dedicated in 1870. It is a one story frame building. Church became defunct in 1930. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1882-1930, 1 vol.; Financial, 1882-1930, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Harold Fordham. Records of deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol.AAR65, p.185. vol. DDA152, p. 544.

264. SCOTT METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1851--, 7th and Sprice Sts. Wilmington.

Organized 1851 as a Union Sunday School composed largely of Methodists and Presbyterians. Services held in a building art 7th and Walnut Sts., known as Mennard's church. Later moved to basement of the Old Free School House at

6th and French Sts. and in December 1852 completed building on present site. Then known as Seventh Street Methodist Episcopal Church. Present name adopted in 1855. Church rebuilt in 1863. Two story brick and stone building, square plan. Auditorium on second floor. First settled pastor, Rev. Henry A. Hobbs, 1854-55. See: article in Wilmington Morning News, June 26, 1926. Minutes, 1854--, 5 vols.; Register, 1854--, 4 vols.; Financial, 1915--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1900--, 2 vols.; in church safe. Records on incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. V6, p. 226; vol. B14, p. 434; vol. Z19, p. 574; vol. B20, p. 597; vol. M22, p. 323; vol. S33, p. 308; vol. N38, p. 191.

265. ST. GEORGE'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1852--, St. Georges.

Organized 1852. Services were held in the schoolhouse in St. Georges until the present building was dedicated 1852. Building was remodeled in 1911. It is a two story brick building with stucco finish. It has a belfry and bell, and two of the sixteen stained glass windows bear inscriptions. First settled clergyman, Rev. Elon J. Way, 1852-53. See: Rev. John L. Sparklin, "History of St. Georges M. E. Church", in minutes, 1934.

Minutes, 1852 3 vols.; in possession of Harry Batton. Register, 1852--, 1 vol. in possession of pastor, Rev. John L. Sparklin. Financial, 1852--, 1 vol.; in possession of Daniel Atwood. Sunday School, 1852--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mercer Reynolds. Ladies' Aid Society, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Q10, p. 308; vol. Y11, p. 341; vol. A13, p. 591.

266. ANTLOCH METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1853--, Main St. Frankford.

Organized 1853. Present building dedicated the same year and rebuilt 1931. It is a one story frame structure with bell and steeple. First settled clergyman, Rev. William Rink, 1853-54.

Minutes, 1858--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1869--, 1 vol.; in possession of J. H. Hounnel. Register, 1893--, 4 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Howard R. McDade. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; kept in church. Typed transcript of Register, 1876-83, in State Archives. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AAQ64, p. 336; vol. BBJ109, p. 295; vol. BBW122, p. 136.

267. ELLENDALE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1853--, Main St., Ellendale.

Organized and first church built in 1853. This church was burned and present building dedicated in 1917. It is a one story cement block building with a bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. Johnson, 1853-56.

Minutes, 1907--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of C. E. Tinnons. Register, 1907--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1907--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Harold Fordham. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BK97, p. 64; vol. DEY203, pp. 112 and 178; vol. DHF272, p. 121; vol. DIZ308, p. 453.

268. ST. JOHN'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1852--, 4 miles E. of Georgetown.

Organized and incorporated as Johnson's Society. Springfield Cross-roads, 1852. Remodeled 1907. A one story frame structure with belfry and bell.

First settled clergyman, Rev. John Hough. 1853-54.

Minutes, 1900--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of Larry Moore, R. F. D. Register (baptisms, marriages, members; including Cokesbury entry 229; Bethesda, entry 261 and Sand Hill, entry 277), 1852--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Ernest N. Wright. Sunday School, 1900--, 1 vol.; kept in church. Typed transcript of register, 1892-1914, in State Archives. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AAL69, p. 266; vol. BW86, p. 273; vol. BBV121, p. 396; vol. DIY307, p. 14.

269. BETHBERI METHODIST EPOSCOPAL CHURCH, 1656--, Main St. , Magnolia.

Organized 1855. Present building dedicated 1856. It is a two story frame building with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, unknown. See: an historical sketch, on flyleaf of register.

Minutes, 1886--, 2 vols.; Register, 1886--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Robert E. Green. Sunday School, 1931--, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, Maurice Cohee. Ladies' Aid Society, 1932--, 1 vol. in possession of secretary, Mrs. Anderson. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. K4, p. 179; vol. S4, p. 125; vol. X4, p. 423; vol. D12, p. 250.

270. BETHEL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1855--, (near Delaware-Maryland line) near Gumboro.

Organized and present building dedicated in 1855. Church was rebuilt in 1930. It is a one story frame building. The walls are covered by cypress shingles. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1923--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1923--, 1 vol.; in possession of Joshua Baker, R. F. D., Williards, Md. Register, 1837--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Wilbur P. Corkran. Financial, 1923--, 1 vol.; in possession of Thomas Moore, R. F. D., Williards, Md.

271. SLAUGHTER NECK METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1856--, Highway 14, 7 miles SE of Milford.

Organized and first church erected in 1856. Second building, erected in 1888, was used until dedication of present building in 1929. It is a one story cement block building with bell and belfry. First settled clergyman, unknown. See: Horace Bennett, "History of Slaughter Neck M. E. Church", manuscript, 1934.

Minutes, 1886--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1888--, in possession of Riley Bennett, R. F. D. Register, 1886--, 1 vol.; in possession of Samuel L. Banby, Lincoln. Sunday School, 1888--, 1 vol.; in possession of Ruth Tinnity, R. F. D. Records of deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DDZ178, p. 435; vol. DEA257, p. 574; vol. DHC259, p. 94; vol. DKY281, p. 469; vol. DHZ282, p. 164.

272. BRANDYWINE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1857--, 22nd and Market Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1857 as "Brandywine Village Mission of the M. E. Church". First building, on Vandever Ave. east of Market St., known as "Academy of Brandywine". Given present name when building now occupied was opened and dedicated in 1858.

Colonial style, Stucco finish. Contains Wedgewood medallion of John Wesley brought from England and presented to the church. First settled clergyman, Rev. W. G. Rennard, 1857-58. See: article in Wilmington newspapers, Delaware Republican, Oct. 7, 1858. Every Evening, Nov. 7, 1921, Evening Journal, Nov. 11, 1928.

Minutes, 1857-- , 12 vols.; in possession of Esau Loomis, 307 W. 28th St. Register (baptisms), 1856-- , 4 vols.; (members), 1860-- , 5 vols.; (deaths), 1862-- , 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Oler Ammon Bartley, 2206 Market St. Financial, 1882-- , 3 vols.; in possession of Herbert W. Bamby, 13 N. 24th St. Sunday School, 1857-- , 1 vol.; in possession of George B. Baylis, 2505 Tatnall St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. D7, p. 221; vol. R7, p. 147; vol. V14, p. 44; vol. A15, p. 339; vol. G17, p. 157.

273. EBENEZER METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1857-1933 (defunct), 2 miles W. of Midway.

Organized and building dedicated in 1857. It is a one story frame building. Church has been closed since 1935. First settled clergyman, Rev. Thomas Jackson, 1857-58. See: article in Wilmington, Delaware Republican, Jan. 4, 1858.

Minutes, 1857-1936, 2 vols.; Register 1857-1935, 3 vols.; were in possession of Rev. John T. Graham, Nassau, at time of this survey. Records of incorporation and deeds, Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AAQ64, p. 137; vol. DFG211, pp. 291 and 292.

274. MCCOLLEY'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1858-- , 2 miles NW of Redden.

Organized and first building erected in 1858. Present building was dedicated in 1896. It was rebuilt in 1931. It is a one story frame structure with name plate above the entrance. First settled clergyman, unknown. See: article in Wilmington, Delaware Republican, Nov. 8, 1858.

Minutes, 1898-- , 1 vol.; Financial, 1898-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. R. Veasey, R. F. D. Georgetown. Register, 1898-- , 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Harold Fordham, Ellendale. Sunday School, 1898-- , 1 vol.; kept in Church.

275. BETHEL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1859-- , Main Thoroughfare, Ocean View.

Organized 1859. Incorporated 1878. First church, a frame structure, was used from 1859 until the dedication of present church in 1898. Church was rebuilt 1904. It is a large frame building with a bell and steeple. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1925-- , 1 vol.; Register, 1898-- , in possession of pastor, Rev. William S. Grant. Financial, 1910-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Gove McCabe. Sunday School, 1925-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Alice Bennett. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BQ90, p. 268; vol. BBU120, p. 122; vol. BBV121, p. 130; vol. DDF157, p. 124.

276. CAMDEN UNION CAMP MEETING, 1859-1900 (defunct), Dover Road, Camden.

Organized and incorporated February 5, 1859 by act of the General Assembly. A plot of a little over fifteen acres between Camden and Dover was purchased the following year. This site included a large grove of oak trees and numerous springs of water. Organization was reincorporated February 19, 1879 and again March 8, 1899. By an act of March 30, 1887 the corporation was vested with police powers. Meetings were held regularly each year until 1900. No mention of them appears in the minutes of the conference after that date,

but several are said to have been held at irregular intervals during the following decade. The grounds were later used for camp meetings of other churches. The property was sold in 1925 and two years later purchased by the Pilgrim Holiness Church (see section XVIII) and is again used for camp meetings.

Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. R4, p. 410; vol. S4, p. 451; vol. F9, p. 14; vol. Q9, p. 479; vol. F12, p. 339; Del. Laws; vol. 11, chap. 539; vol. 18, chap. 34; vol. 21, chap. 218; vol. 23, chap. 86, sec. 1.

277. SAND HILL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1859--, about 4 miles NE of Georgetown.

Organized 1859 as Reed's Chapel at which time present church was opened and dedicated. Date, name was changed unknown. Church remodeled in 1925. One story frame building. Yearly camp meetings were conducted in a nearby grove over a long period by this church but have been discontinued. First settled clergyman, Rev. Mr. Reed, 1859-60.

Minutes, 1900--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1900--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of William Cason, R. F. D. Register, 1829--, included in register of St. John's, Georgetown, entry 265. Typed transcript of register, 1892-1914, in State Archives. Records of deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AAR65, p. 408; vol. RH81, p. 295.

278. CHAPLAIN'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1860--, 2 miles E of Bridgeville.

Organized 1860 as a result of two churches consolidating. Names of these churches unknown. Present building dedicated 1860. Rebuilt 1924. A one story frame structure with gallery, which was used by slaves. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. T. Chaplain, 1860-62.

Minutes, 1887--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Nutter Russell, Bridgeville. Register, 1881--, 4 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. James H. Clow, Greenwood. Financial, 1880--, 1 vol.; in possession of Hilton Penuel, Bridgeville. Sunday School 1930--, 1 vol.; kept in church.

279. HARRINGTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1860--, Weiner Ave, Harrington.

Organized 1860 and services held in R. R. engine house and in a school house near the center of town until 1870 when the present building was dedicated. Rebuilt 1891 and 1929. Land on which church stands donated by Mr. and Mrs. Harrington. A one story frame structure with steeple and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Andrew D. Davis, 1866-71. See: Mrs. W. W. Sharp, "History of Harrington M. N. Church," on flyleaf of register.

Minutes, 1928--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1924--, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, Mrs. Lorenzo Jones, Clark St. Register (historical sketch, baptisms, marriages, probationers, class records), 1865-72, 1 vol.; (baptisms, marriages, probationers, members), 1874-99, 1 vol.; (probationers, members), 1899--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John E. Parker. Sunday School, 1928--, 1 vol.; in possession of superintendent, Ura Messick. Incorporation papers and deeds in First National Bank Vault. Typed transcript of register, 1865-1914, in State Archives. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. K6, pp. 268 and 270; vol. N7, p. 164; Mortgage Record; vol. F2, p. 395.

280. WESLEY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1861--, 3 miles NW of Seaford.

Organized 1861. Services were held in the Little Chapel, 1861-82. This

building was also used as a schoolhouse. Present building dedicated 1882. Rebuilt 1910. A one story frame structure with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. B. Wheatley, 1887-88. Minutes, 1903-, 1 vol., Financial, 1903-, 1 vol. in possession of R; Boyce, R. F. D. Register, 1903--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Roy I. Tawes. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; kept in church. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office; Deeds Record; vol. AK33, p. 146; vol. BU94, p. 250; vol. BW96, p. 223; vol. CCE130, p. 59; vol. DDX149, p. 93; vol. DDD156; p. 38.

261. EPWORTH METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1863--, 10th and Lombard Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1863 as "St. Paul's Mission Sunday School". Changed to "Grace M. E. Sunday School, No. 2" in 1866 and in 1889 to present name. First services held in one story frame building at 7th and Buttonwood Sts., until 1869. Then in similar building at 10th and Bennett Sts., until 1893, when present building was opened and dedicated. Two story brick structure with stained glass windows. Gothic style. First settled clergyman, Rev. Alfred Scott, 1867-69. See: John White, Jr. historical sketch (Wilmington, George E. King Press, 1910); George E. King, History of the Choir (Wilmington, George E. King Press, 1910).

Minutes, 1925--, 1 vol.; Register, 1875--, 3 vols.; Financial, 1906--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1916--, 1 vol.; in church office. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. X8, p. 272; vol. N14, p. 857; vol. Q14, p. 469; vol. T14, p. 36; vol. U14, p. 433; vol. W15, p. 115; vol. K17, pp. 326 and 331; vol. P38, p. 149; Private Acts Record, vol. B1, p. 49; vol. D1, p. 228.

262. SCOTT METHODIST EPOSCOPAL CHURCH, 1864--, Station Road, Blackbird.

Organized 1864 as Scotts Chapel, Sunday school services being held in the local schoolhouse. Later church services were conducted by ministers of the Smyrna Circuit. Present church dedicated 1896. One story frame building. First settled clergyman, Rev. George E. Jones. 1898-1901; educated at Drew University, Madison, E. J.

Register, combined with the records of Immanuel Methodist Episcopal Church, Townsend, (entry 295). Financial, 1898--, 1 vol.; in possession of Theodore Ferguson. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Y7 p. 499; vol. I12, p. 461; vol. U17, pp. 500 and 501.

263. GRACE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1865--, 9th and West Sts., Wilmington.

Organized and incorporated March 21, 1865 by a group from St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 257). First meetings held in stone chapel until 1868, when it was enlarged to present structure. Built of green serpentine stone quarried locally. English decorated Gothic style. Personage of same material and style adjacent to church. Twenty-one memorial windows installed in 1914. Chimes of 16 bells in 1920. Stained glass windows above pulpit in 1924. First settled clergyman, Rev. William J. Stevenson, 1866-68. See: William M. Billany, historical sketch on the 25th anniversary (1890); Francis W. Heisler, historical sketch on 50th anniversary (1915); William A. Heindle, historical sketch on the 70th anniversary (1935); weekly bulletins, (Wilmington).

ton, Story and Co.); articles in Wilmington newspapers: Morning News, Nov. 26, 1920; Every Evening, Feb. 18, 1924, Mar. 8, 1924; Evening Journal, Feb. 18, 1924.

Minutes, 1910--, 3 vols.; Register, 1866--, 4 vols.; Financial, 1866--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1934--, 1 file cabinet; in church office. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. A8, p. 191; vol. B8, p. 171; vol. Q8, p.425; vol. K9, p. 117; vol. A10, p. 269; vol. X21, p. 507; vol.Z25, p. 83; Private Acts Record, vol. B1, p. 49; vol. D1, p. 228; vol. X8, p. 272.

284. SILOAM METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1868--, 4 miles SE of Milford.

Organized and building dedicated in 1865. It is a one story frame building. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1930--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of Randolph Davis, R. F. D. Milton. Register, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. J. M. Harlen, R. F. D. Milton. Sunday School, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of William Hudson, Milton.

285. Wyoming Methodist Episcopal church, 1865--, Broad St. Wyoming.

Organized 1865 and called the Methodist Episcopal Plank Church of West Camden; (Wyoming was known as West Camden until 1866). Incorporated under present name 1883. first church, a plank building on Water St., was used from 1865 to 1883. Present building dedicated 1883. A one story frame structure with belfry and bell. Parsonage built 1885. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. J. Pierce, Minutes, 1884--, 3 vols.; Register, 1884--, 3 vols.; in church office in custody of pastor, Rev. Waldo L. Dise.. Sunday School, 1933--, 3 vols.; in possession of superintendent, Wilmer Benson. Ladies' Aid Society, 1930--, 2 vols.; in possession of president, Mrs. Wilmer Benson. Records of incorporation and deeds; Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. A5, p. 233; vol. C6, p. 235; vol. M6, p. 138; vol. W6, p. 233; vol. U10, p. 274; vol. V10, p.206.

286. METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ATOREMENT, 1866--, Philadelphia Pike, Claymont.

Organized 1866. A donation of \$ 2500 by Thomas Kimber, a Quaker made the building possible. The present building was dedicated in 1866. Additions were built in 1927. It is a one story stone building, of English Gothic style, with a spire above the entrance. First settled clergyman, Rev. William Dalrymple, 1866-68. See: Rev. William N. Nesbett, A History of Claymont M. E. Church (Marcus Hook, privately printed, 1936).

Minutes, 1896--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Frederick J. Pieplow, Philadelphia Pike. Financial, 1900--, 1 vol. loose-leaf; in possession of Miss Lena Casey, Manor Ave. Sunday School, 1864--, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, Mrs. Richard Dunlevy, Palace Ave. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. H6, p. 307; vol.C10. p. 34; vol. R11, p. 504; vol. L30, p. 562.

287. DELMAR METHODIST EPOSCOPAL CHURCH, 1867--, State St., Delmar. First Methodist Church.

Organized in 1867 as John Wesley Church. First church a frame building,

was erected 1867 and used until it burned in 1892. Present name adopted and present church was dedicated in 1893. It was rebuilt in 1935. It is a red brick building with a belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Joseph Dare, 1872-77; educated at Wesley Collegiate Institute, Dover. See: Rev. Ralph C. Jones, A History of Delmar Methodist Episcopal Church (Delmar, Bi-State Press, 1928); article in Wilmington Journal- Every Evening, Feb. 29, 1936.

Minutes, 1892--, 2 vols.; in possession of M. C. Nelson. Register, 1892--, 4 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Ralph C. Jones. Financial, 1892--, 1 vol.; in possession of A. W. Ellis. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; kept in church. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BRS118, p. 235; vol. DDQ168, p. 309; vol. DEI187, p. 408; vol. DRF272, p. 446; vol. DRB274, p. 220; vol. DIN206, p. 437; vol. RIC311, p. 273.

288. STANTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1868--, Main St., Stanton.

Organized 1868, services being held in loft on Main St. Present building dedicated 1877. It was remodeled in 1924. It is a one story frame building with a basement and a tower. First settled clergyman, Rev. Henry E. Bodine, 1868-70.

Minutes, 1868--, 5 vols.; Register, 1868--, 5 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Edward E. Collons, Kiamensi Road, Marshallton. Sunday School, 1868--, 1 loose-leaf vol.; in possession of Ashton Eastburn, Main St. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. C11, pp. 163 and 383.

289. SUMMIT BRIDGE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1868--, Highway 7, Summit Bridge.

Organized 1868 as a result of informal services started about 1867 by Rev. William B. Walton, then pastor of St. Georges Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 265). Services were held first in brick structure near present site, known as Boulden's Meeting House. These services were continued until 1877 when a one story frame structure was erected on the present site. This was destroyed by fire in 1913. Present building dedicated 1914. A one story frame structure with gabled roof, tower, and bell. Cornerstone bearing name of church and date of erection. First settled clergyman, Rev. William B. Walton, 1866-70. See: Mrs. Katherine Kane, History of Summit Bridge M. E. Church Middletown. Privately printed, 1925).

Minutes, 1868--, 3 vols.; Financial, 1868--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1922--, 1 vol.; in church office in custody of Mrs. Katherine Kane. Register, 1868--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John L. Sparklin, St. Georges. Record of deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. B10, p. 290.

290. LINCOLN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1869--, 2nd St. Lincoln.

Organized 1869 at which time the first church was built. Present church opened and dedicated in 1925. One story frame structure with bell and cornerstone. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1925--, 1 vol.; in possession of Albert Donovan. Register 1869--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Samuel L. Danby. Financial, 1925--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. J. Messick. Sunday School, 1925--, 1 vol.; in possession of William Donovan. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BDH107, p. 50. vol. BC76, p. 2; vol. HMF184, p. 327; vol. BBC102, p. 511.

291. BLADES METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1870-- , State Highway 13, Blades.

Organized 1870. Incorporated 1887. First building, a frame structure, built in 1870 on Concord St. The site is now the old cemetery lot. In 1889 a two story frame building was built on the present site and used until 1922 when the present building was dedicated. A one story frame building with belfry. A camp meeting known either as James Camp or Epworth Camp located in the Brond Creek district about eight miles from Georgetown is conducted in August of each year under the auspices of this church. First settled clergyman, Rev. Melvin E. Wheatley, 1909-1912. See: Rev. Rufus W. Mills, History of Blades Church (privately printed, 1922).

Minutes, 191-09--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1909--, 1 vol.; in possession of Albert Griffith. Register, 1909--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Oran T. Raynard. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of Howard Griffith. Records of deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. B182, p. 216; vol. BBJ109, p. 161; vol. DHP272, p. 483.

292. CENTRAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1870-1933 (defunct), R. F. D. Long Neck.

Organized and building dedicated in 1870. It is a one story frame building. The church became defunct in 1933. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1931-33, 1 vol.; Financial, 1931-33, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1931-33, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Daniel Steele, Millsboro. Register, 1870-1931, 2 vols.; in possession of Rev. Lawrence M. Wimbrow, Millsboro.

293. GUMBORO METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1870--, Main St., Gumboro.

Organized 1870 at which time they purchased a building, south of the village, which was moved to center of village. This was used until dedication of present building in 1926. It is a one story frame building with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1890--, 1 vol.; in possession of Walter W. Gray, Register, 1863--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Wilbur F. Corkran. Financial, 1890--, 1 vol.; in possession of Fred Brittingham. Sunday School, 1890--, 5 vols.; kept in church. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BQ90, pp. 413 and 505; vol. BT93, p...p. 210 and 412; vol. HBM112, p. 233; vol.; CCD129, pp. 433 and 435; vol. DEF184, p. 550; vol. DGF246, p. 535;

294. MASTEN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1870--, Crossroad, Masten's Corner.

Organized and present building dedicated in is a one story frame building. Joseph Ashbury Masten donated the present the present site for church purposes. First settled clergyman, Rev. Charles Simmons, 1870-71.

Minutes, 1910--, 1 vol. Register, 1885--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Edmund W. Rennis, Felton. Register, 1870-95, 2 vols.; in possession of Rev. John R. Parker, Harrington. Sunday School, 1912--, 1 vol.; in possession of superintendent, Mrs. Clara Townsend. Ladies' Aid Society, 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, Miss Mabel Anderson. Record of deed: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. U3, p. 12.

295. IMMANUEL METHODIST EPOSCOPAL CHURCH, 1871--, Main St., Townsend.

Organized and incorporated June 13, 1871, being an outgrowth of informal services that had been held for several years in the Townsend schoolhouse, a frame structure located near the site of the present school. Services were then held in a one story frame building on part of the present site. Church was made a station by the Conferences of 1879. In 1881 and additional one and one-half acres was purchased for a cemetery and again in 1902 additional land was purchased and the present church built. The cornerstone was laid September 10, 1902. Some years later the parsonage was added. Church is a one story brick building with a number of memorial windows, tower, and bell, the latter a gift from the Sunday School class of Miss Ethelwyn J. Maloney. First settled clergyman, Rev. John H. Willey, 1878-81; educated at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. See: Asnananda Lattemus Maloney, "History of Immanuel M. E. Church, 1902", manuscript in possession of Miss Ethelwyn J. Maloney.

Minutes, 1871-1925, 1 vol.; Register (including Scott Church, entry 282) 1871-1925 1 vol.; Financial, 1871-1925, 1 vol.; in vault of Townsend Trust Co. Minutes, 1925--, 1 vol. loose-leaf; Register, (including Scott Church, entry 282), 1926--, 1 vol. loose-leaf; Financial, 1925--, 1 vol. loose-leaf; Sunday School, 1925--, 1 vol. loose-leaf; in possession of pastor, Rev. D'Arcy A. Littleton, Main St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. I10, p. 335; vol. C12, p. 88; vol. K14, p. 357; vol. L15, p. 291; vol. L18, p. 133; vol. M19, p. 410; vol. L24, p. 455.

296. MADELEY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1871--, Claymont and 8 Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1871 by the Sunday School Union of Grace Church (entry 203), meeting in a small frame chapel on the present site until 1974, when present church was opened and dedicated. Rebuilt 1925. Plain one story structure. Stucco finish. First settled clergyman, Rev. M. B. Davis, 1871-74. See: Rev. Luther M. Broadway, Souvenir Directory (Wilmington, privately printed, 1917).

Minutes, 1935 --, 1 vol., in possession of William Knotts, 1221 N. St. Register, 1890 --, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Joseph B. Vaughn, 1218 B. St. Financial, 1917 --, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1917 --, 1 vol., in possession of John A. Asay, 332 Claymont St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Records; vol. K9, p. 117; vol. L16, p. 358; vol. P16, p. 109.

297. BIDDLE MEMORIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL, 1871-1925, Biddle Ave., Wilmington.

Organized in 1871 by uniting of "Woods" or Union Sunday School with Mt. Salem Chapel Sunday School. The members of Mt. Salem Chapel Sunday School were of Methodist faith. Members of "Woods" were Presbyterian, Episcopalian, and Friends. The Sunday School building was dedicated in 1871. Building moved to present site in 1896 from its original location on the hill. It is a frame clapboard structure on a high stone foundation. The organization has been defunct since 1925. First superintendent, Samuel C. Pierce, 1871-72. See: unknown author, "History of Riddle Memorial Sunday School", in program of 50th Anniversary, 1921; article in Wilmington Evening Journal, Dec. 4, 1925.

Minutes, included with these of Mt. Salem Church, see entry 259. Attendance, 1911-1925, 4 vols.; in possession of pastor of Mt. Salem Church, Rev. Lester E. Windsor, 1701 Mt. Salem Lane. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. P17, p. 162; vol. Q17, p. 143.

298. REHOBOTH BEACH CAMP MEETING ASSOCIATION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1871-91 (defunct). Rehoboth.

Organized and incorporated March 15, 1871, by act of the General Assembly as the Rehoboth Association (Del. Laws, vol. 14, chap. 285), to establish a seaside resort under religious influences and as a site for yearly camp meetings. Purchased property at Rehoboth Beach and laid out streets and lots. A subsidiary company was incorporated to rent boats. The corporation was invested with police powers and under latter amendments was granted authority to enforce collection of taxes in arrears in the same manner as county tax collectors. Lots were leased and the Recorder of Sussex County was authorized to have a special book in which such leases were recorded (Del. Laws, vol. 15, chap. 27). Name of the Association was changed to the above form January 27, 1873 and again changed to the Rehoboth Beach Association February 26, 1879. The same act provided that all persons owning lots within the corporate limits were entitled to vote at stockholders' meetings. The railway was extended to the property in 1878 and promptly attracted visitors of all classes, the beach taking on the characteristics of a popular seaside resort. The camp meetings declined and after about ten years became irregular. In 1898 a summer school and camp meeting association was formed by the conference but no mention of it or of any meeting at Rehoboth is made in their minutes after a few years. However the powers conferred upon the corporation were retained until an act of March 19, 1891 rescinded them and incorporated Cape Henlopen City (Del. Laws, vol. 19, chap. 229). Immediately thereafter the name was changed to Rehoboth City. Titles to property held under leases from the defunct corporation were cleared by a series of laws passed in 1927 authorizing the Public Lands Commission to issue deeds to the lessees of such lots and to deed the streets to the town of Rehoboth, which was reincorporated at the same time as the "Commissioners of Rehoboth." Adjacent beach property of the State was set aside for park purposes under joint control of the town and State (Del. Laws, vol. 35, chap. 4, 61, and 133). The form of government was again changed in 1937, now being conducted by a manager and council.

Records of incorporation and corporate changes: Del. Laws, vol. 14, chaps. 285, 392, and 726; vol. 15, chaps. 27 and 355; vol. 16, chaps. 27 and 351; vol. 17, chap. 46; vol. 19, chaps. 229 and 767; vol. 35, chaps. 4, 61, and 133; vol. 38, chaps. 119 and 120; vol. 41, chap. 161. Records of leases: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Lease Record, Rehoboth Beach Camp Meeting Association, vol. A, No. 1, entire vol. Plot of property: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BK64, pp. 602-5. District superintendent of the Wilmington Conference and City Manager of Rehoboth Beach report location of records of the camp meeting association unknown.

299. KINGSWOOD METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1872--, 1327 Claymont St. Wilmington.

Outgrowth of Sunday School started in 1872. Taken over by St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Mission School. Services held in private homes until November 1873, when Kingswood Chapel of St. Paul's Church, a frame building on present site, was completed. Additions were made from time to time as the congregation grew and ministers supplied by the mother church devoted more time to the mission until early in 1890 when church was organized and present name adopted. Present building was started in 1891 but completed and dedicated until 1895. Parsonage was purchased in 1917. Both buildings were fully paid for and free of debt by

1925. Church is two story brick building. First settled clergyman, Rev. R. I. Watkins, 1889-90. See; L. Preston W. Spencer, history and church directory (1933); William Lyndon Hess, history and church directory (1935).

Minutes, 1872--, 3 vols.; Register, 1872--, 3 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. William B. Revelle, Hockessin. Financial, 1872--, 3 vol.; in possession of Emma Campbell, 6 E. 36th St. Sunday School, 1872--, 3 vols.; in possession of Robert Simpson, 811 E. 17th St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. C15, pp. 284 and 294; vol. R15, p. 476; vol. H16, p. 23; vol. M24, p. 371; vol. Q26, p.595.

300. WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, 1875-1932, N. State St., Dover.

Organized 1873 by the Wilmington Conference as a seminary for training Methodist ministers. Incorporated by act of the General Assembly in that year under the name of the Wilmington Conference Academy. Name changed to present form in 1917 and organization reincorporated in 1918. Purchased present property, which extends through from State St. to Governors Ave. on August 4, 1873. Classes were conducted in rented quarters from September 1873 until September of the following year when the academy building was completed and opened. The Ladies' Hall was opened in 1891. Although started as a Methodist seminary in later years the curriculum was broadened and during the last years of its existence had many students of all denominations. The school was closed after graduation of the class of 1932 but the property is still owned and administered by the Wilmington Conference. First principal, Rev. James M. Williams, 1873-78. Educated at Dickinson College and University of Tuebingen. Last president, Walter O. Hoffecker. Records of incorporation and deed: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. P5, p. 197; Del. Laws; vol. 14, chap. 410, secs. 1-10; vol. 19, chap. 636, secs. 1 and 2.

301. GRACE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1874--, Main St., Millsboro.

Organized 1874 and called Millsboro. Incorporated under present name in 1894. Services were held in schoolhouse until 1875 when church was erected on present site. In 1897 it was burned and in same year the second church was erected. This burned in 1906 and present church was built and dedicated. It is a one story frame structure with a bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Anthony Atwood, 1874-77.

Minutes, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of Edward Cutton. Register, 1909--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Lawrence E. Wimbrow. Financial, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of W. J. Rose. Sunday School, 1936--, 1 vol.; kept in church. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; BBV121, p. 369; vol. DGO245, p. 329; vol. DG7250, p. 11; vol. DHQ273, p. 204.

302. SCOTT METHODIST EPOSCOPAL CHURCH, 1874--, (merged), Ocean and of Baltimore Ave., Rehoboth.

Organized 1874 in connection with the Rehoboth camp meetings (entry 298). Frame church. Gothic style, built in 1880 and dedicated by Bishop Levi Scott. Services were held only during the summer months and building was used by various denominations. No settled clergyman. The building burned in 1913 after which the building of the Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 329) was

moved to the site of the old church and the two congregations were merged. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBR117, p. 327; vol. BBT119, pp. 31 and 531; vol. DDF157, p. 475.

303. ZION METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1874--, Roxana.

Organized and building dedicated 1874. Incorporated in 1875. Rebuilt 1921. A one story frame structure with bell. Date inscribed on cornerstone. First settled clergyman, Rev. Joseph Artries, 1874-75.

Minutes, 1878--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1933--, 1 vol.; in possession of A. J. Stevens. Register, 1878--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Charles B. Robb. Sunday School, 1933--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Pearl Townsend. Records of incorporation and deeds; Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BEC120, p. 329; vol. BQ90, p. 315; vol. DEB180, p. 655; vol. DFI213, p. 490; vol. DIR300, p. 267.

304. HOUSTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1876--, R.F.D. Hickory Hill.

Organized 1876 holding services in temporary quarters until opening and dedication of present building in 1877. One story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. M. Kidnew, 1876-77. Minutes, 1896--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1909--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1909--, 1 vol.; in church library. Register, 1897--, in possession of pastor, Rev. Howard R. McDade, Frankford. Typed transcript of Register, 1897-1911, in State Archives. Record of Deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. EE91, p. 457.

305. KING'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1880--, 3 ½ miles east of Laurel.

Organized and building dedicated 1880. Rebuilt 1925. A one story building. First settled clergyman, unknown. See: historical sketch in register.

Minutes, 1880--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1880--, 1 vol.; in possession of A. Hastings, R. F. D. Register, 1880--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Jacob C. Banby. Sunday School, 1935--, in possession of Miss B. Hastings, R. F. D. Records of deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBF105, p. 419; vol. CCW139, p. 445.

306. HOCKESSIN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1881--, Lancaster Pike, Hockessin.

Organized 1881, incorporated 1882. Services held in a wheelwright shop at Brackinsville, 1881-83. Present building dedicated 1883. It is a one story frame structure with tower and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. W. H. Hendrickson, 1881-83.

Minutes, 1881--, 1 loose-leaf vol.; Register, 1881--, in possession of pastor, Rev. William H. Revelle. Financial, 1933--, 1 loose-leaf vol.; in possession of Fred C. Gebhart. Sunday School, 1881--, 1 vol.; in possession of Margaret Baldwin. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. L12, pp. 64 and 113; vol. S12, p. 46 ;vol. V17, p. 7; vol. G27, p. 219; vol. P33, p. 455.

307. GREENWOOD METHODIST EPOSCOPAL CHURCH, 1881--, Main St., Greenwood.

Organized 1881 services being held in small frame building located a

Short distance northeast of present site. Incorporated in 1889. Building was moved in 1901 and is now used as Sunday school room. Present church opened and dedicated at that time. One story frame structure with bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Joseph Carrell, 1882-84.

Minutes, 1881--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1881--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. John Todd. Register, 1881--, 4 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. James F. Clow Jr. Sunday School, 1925--, 1 vol.; kept in church. Records of Incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBW112, p. 112; vol. BBO114, p. 45; vol. BBQ116, p. 126; vol. CCQ142, p. 135; vol. DFG211, p. 109; vol. DGF236, p. 363.

308. FIRST SWEDISH METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1881--, 1111 E. 11th St., Wilmington.

Organized 1881, meeting in the home of one of the members at Davis and Claymont Sts. Incorporated, June 15, 1883 as Swedish Mission of Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilmington. Moved to present building in 1882. Dedication services held the following year. Gothic style. Incorporated under present name June 15, 1921. First settled clergyman, Rev. Carl O. Carlson, tenure of office unknown. Educated at Lutheran College, Upsala, Sweden. See: Rev. Nils Joseph Redstrom. Golden Jubilee; Rev. Carl O. Carlson, "Trails of Swedes" and Builders of a Church", Wilmington, Sunday Star, Nov. 13, 1932; article in Wilmington Evening Journal, Aug. 6, 1921.

Minutes, 1882--, 5 vols.; Register, 1882--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1882--, 3 vols.; Sunday School, 1882--, 2 vols.; Ladies's Aid Society, 1893--, 1 vol.; Epworth League, 1893--, 1 vol.; in possession of church secretary, Mrs. Jennie R. Davidson, 203 W. 19th St. Records of incorporation and deeds New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. 112, p. 219; vol. 130, p. 577; vol. 734, p. 293; vol. S36, p. 450.

309. SILVERBROOK METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1881--, Lancaster and Woodlawn Aves., Wilmington.

Organized and incorporated June 22, 1881. Named for a nearby stream on the banks of which the first services were held. In inclement weather services were held in the home of Robert West on 2nd St. between Rodman and Mawley Sts. In 1885 a stable was fitted up for church services and used until 1884, when a small frame chapel was erected at 2nd and Rodman Sts. This was used until the completion and dedication of the present building in 1893. A one story stone structure, Gothic style. Sunday School building adjoining, dedicated in 1921 and called the Joseph W. Coley Building. First settled clergyman, Rev. William M. Tomkinson, 1887-88. See: J. Thomas Warren and Rev. J. Harry Wright, historical sketch (Germantown, Philadelphia, Arman L. Davis, 1937, 40 pp.).

Minutes, 1887--, 4 vols.; Register, 1887--, 4 vols.; Financial, 1883--, 4 vols.; in church safe. Sunday School, 1883--, steel file; in church office. Records of incorporation and deeds; New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. B12, pp. 70 and 106; vol. C13, p. 489; vol. A15, p. 453; vol. B15, pp. 267 and 409; vol. C15, p. 360; vol. F15, pp. 206 and 209; vol. G15, p. 71; vol. N15, p. 482; vol. E18, p. 3; vol. M21, p. 560; vol. I26, p. 509; vol. N30, p. 561.

310. BETHEL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1882--, Main St., Dagsboro.

Organized and building dedicated in 1882. Incorporated 1894. Church was

rebuilt in 1925. It is a frame building with a spire and bell. First settled clergyman, unknown. Minutes, 1882--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1882--, 1 vol.; in possession of Eben A. Townsend. Register, 1882--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor Rev. Frank A. Baker. Sunday School, 1882--, 6 vols.; in possession of Cordrey Magee. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BV95, p. 223; vol. BEV121, p. 388; vol. DCG158, p. 209; vol. BBT171, p. 128.

311. CAREY'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1882--, 5 miles SW of Millsboro.

Organized and church dedicated in 1882. Site was donated by Mr. Carey of Millsboro and includes a large grove adjacent to the church where camp meetings are held each year. Such meetings had been held in this grove under the auspices of nearby churches for over fifty years before this church was established. Building was remodeled in 1933. It is an L shaped, frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Joshua Gray, tenure unknown. Services are now conducted by the pastor of Grace Church in Millsboro (entry 301)

. Minutes, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of Edward Outten, Millsboro. Register, 1909--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Lawrence E. Wimbrow, Millsboro. Financial 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mr. Rhodes, Millsboro. Sunday School, 1930--, 1 vol.; kept in church. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBQ114, p. 62; vol. DDO166, p. 139; vol. DSX254, p. 212.

312. EDGEMOORE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1884-1934 (defunct) Edgemoor Rd.
Edgemoor.

Organized 1884 as an outgrowth of a Sunday School established by employees of Edgemoor Iron Co. The Edgemoor School building was used for religious services until the dedication on the church in 1886. It is a square, frame building with a stone foundation and a small tower. The church has been defunct since 1934. First settled clergyman, Rev. Moses Bullock, 1884-87. See: article in Wilmington Morning News, Sept. 2, 1935.

Minutes, 1884-1934, 3 vols.; Register, 1886-1934, 3 vols.; in possession of Thomas R. Dorman, R. F. D. 1, Edgemoor. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. P13, p. 175; vol. S13, p. 110; vol. A14, p. 416.

313. BETHEL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1884--, Main thoroughfare, Bethel.

Organized and building dedicated in 1884. Incorporated 1887. Church was rebuilt in 1905. It is a one story frame building with belfry and bell. A camp meeting located on Broad Creek is conducted by this church in connection with other churches in Laurel. A separate corporation, The Laurel and Bethel Camp Ground Association, was formed in 1905 for this purpose. It is one of the few camp meetings still being held regularly each year. First settled clergyman, Rev. S. P. Boman, 1884-87.

Minutes, 1929--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1929--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1934--, 1 vol.; in possession of H. J. Phillips. Register, 1929--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John H. Whedbee. Records of incorporation; Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBH107, p. 397; vol. DIG289, p. 220; Incorporation Record; vol. A1, p. 360.

314. LITTLE CREEK METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1884--, Main St. Little Creek.

Organized and present building dedicated in 1884. It is a frame structure with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1936--, 1 vol.; Register, 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. William C. Buckson. Sunday School, 1933--, 1 vol.; in possession of superintendent, Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. U5, p. 300; vol. M6, p. 179; Mortgage Record; vol. Z1, p. 278; vol. P4, p. 449.

315. TAWLEY'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1884--, Main St., Hickman.

Organized and building dedicated 1884. It was remodeled in 1897 and in 1929. It is a one story frame building with belfry, bell, and cornerstone. First settled clergyman, Rev. Andrew D. Davis, 1884-85.

Minutes, 1884--, 1 vol.; in possession of S. P. brown. Register, 1884--, 5 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Ira E. Crum, Surrsville, Md. Sunday School, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of superintendent, George Wilson. Records of incorporation and deed: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. V8, p. 466; vol. Q10, p. 464.

316. MARSHALLTON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1885--, Stanton Rd., Marshallton.

Organized 1885 as the Union Sunday School. Services were held in the Sunday school until the present building was dedicated and the name of the organization changed to Union Methodist Episcopal Church of Marshallton, in 1888. The building was remodeled and church reincorporated under present name in 1922. It is a one story frame building with belfry, bell, and fourteen stained glass memorial windows. First settled clergyman, Rev. George W. Burke, 1902-05.

Minutes, 1935--, 1 vol.; Register, 1885--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John R. Nelson, Capital Trail. Financial 1885--, 1 vol.; in possession of Eugene Cain. Sunday School, 1885--, 1 vol.; in possession of Walter Mose, New St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. S13, p. 47; vol. C14, p. 546; vol. A15, p. 414; vol. I16, p. 420; vol. D25, p. 582; vol. C30, p. 599; vol. B31, p. 117.

317. VIOLA METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1886--, Main St.? Viola.

Organized and incorporated November 24, 1886. Building dedicated 1887. Rebuilt 1916. A one story frame building with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Vaughn Collins, 1887-88; educated at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

Minutes, 1910--, 1 vol.; Register, 1910--, in possession of pastor, Rev. Daniel J. Ford, Camden. Record of incorporation: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. D7, p. 493.

318. GLASGOW METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1887--, Newark Highway, Glasgow.

Organized and building dedicated 1887. It is a one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. A. S. Crozier, 1887-90.

Minutes, 1887--, in possession of Mrs. Connor. Register, 1887--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Robert S. Hodgson, Red Lion. Financial, 1887--, 2 vols.; in possession of George Davis. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Deeds Record; vol. W9, p. 310; vol. P12, p. 73.

319. ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1887--, West St. and Highland Ave. Clayton.

Organized and building dedicated in 1887. It is a frame building with belfry, bell, and cornerstone. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, (including financial), 1900--, 2 vols.; in possession of secretary of Board of trustees, W. T. Todd. Register, 1900--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Leon Rose. Sunday School. 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of superintendent, R. W. Slaughter. Ladies' Aid Society, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of president, Mrs. J. W. Hopkins. Records of incorporation and deed: Kent co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. B7, p. 199; vol. C8, p. 321.

320. COOKMAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1888-1934--, (defunct) 14th and DuPont Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1888 by groups from Grace and Mt. Salem Methodist Episcopal Churches (entries 283 and 259) whose homes were nearby. Named in honor of Rev. Alfred Cookman. Met first in two story frame store building at 1307 Scott St. Present Church opened and dedicated 1896. Plain brick structure with steeple. Church defunct since 1934. The building has since been sold to the First Independent Church of Wilmington (entry 521). First settled clergyman, Rev. Alfred T. Scott. 1890-94; educated at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. See: in Wilmington Morning News, April 6, 1936. Minutes, 1890-1930, 4 vols.; Register, 1890-1930, 4 vols.; Financial 1890-1930, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1890-1930, 41 vols. (yearly vols.); in possession of J. Richard Kendall, Jr., 1820 Lovering Ave. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. N15, p. 450; vol. B15, p. 564; vol. W30, p. 462; vol. N37, pp. 97 and 100.

321. EPWORTH METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1889--, 6 miles NE of Laurel.

Organized 1889. Services were held in Sycamore Schoolhouse until present church was dedicated in 1890. It is a one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Charles H. Williams, 1890-92.

Minutes, 1909--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1909--, 1 vol.; in possession of Glen Lown, R. F. D. Register, 1909--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Oram T. Baynard, Slades. Sunday School. 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Iva B. Davis, R. F. D. Record of deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DEB160, p. 484.

322. WOODSIDE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1889--, Woodside.

Organized and building dedicated 1889. One story frame building with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, John P. Outten, tenure unknown.

Minutes, 1933--, 1 vol.; Register, 1933--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1933--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1933--, 1 vol.; Deed and charter, 1889; in possession of pastor, Rev. Valdo L. Dise, Wyoming.

323. EASTLAKE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1890--, 30th and Tatnall Sts. Wilmington.

Organized 1890 as a Sunday School in what was known as "Eastlake Park" by members of Brandywine Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 272). Services held in one story frame building until 1905 when present building was dedicated. Incorporated December 19, 1905. Church is a one story brick structure, designed after

the Wesleyan Chapel in England. First settled pastor, Rev. James T. Van Burkalow, 1890-91. See: Church Books, (Wilmington, 1925-32, annual).

Minutes, 1921--, 2 vols.; in possession of Earl Bennett, 3011 Washington St. Register, 1894--, 5 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Charles C. Harris, 102 W. 30th St. Financial, 1921--, 1 vol.; in possession of Earnest Jackson. 22 W. 30th St. Sunday School, 1921--, 1 vol.; in possession of Donald G. Haverstick, 511 W. 24th St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Q15, p.460; vol. S15, p. 277; vol. Y16, p. 217; vol. N20, p. 223; vol. P20, p. 312; vol. N22, p. 201; vol. B27, p. 426; Certificate of Incorporation; vol. H2, p. 577; Mortgage Record; vol. D15, p. 576.

324. WESTWOOD METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1890--, 2 miles NE of Gamboro.

Organized and building dedicated 1890. It is a one story frame building with cornerstone. First settled clergyman, Rev. W. W. Johnson. 1890-91.

Minutes, 1890--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1890--, 1 vol.; in possession of J. G. Revell, Millsboro. Register, 1890--, 1 vol.; deed and charter, 1890; in possession of pastor, Rev. Wilbur F. Corkran. Sunday School, 1890--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. J. G. Revell, Millsboro. Record of deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. CCC128, p. 143.

325. HARRISON STREET METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1891--, 7th and Harrison Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1891 by a group from St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 257). Services held in one story frame structure on present site until 1894, when present church was opened and dedicated. Rebuilt 1922. English Gothic style. Large bronze plaque lists members who served in the World War. Several stained glass windows are memorials. This was the first church in Wilmington to use electric lights. First settled Clergyman, Rev. Francis B. Short, 1891-96. See: Rev. William E. Habbart, historical sketch (Wilmington, H. A. Roop and son. 1923); Rev. John L. Johnson, historical sketch (Wilmington, H. A. Roop and son, 1929).

Minutes, 1891--, 4 vols.; Register, 1891--, 6 vols.; Financial. 1891--, 2 vols.; Sunday School, 1891-1916, 2 vols.; 1916--, 1 vol.; loose-leaf; in church office. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. K15, p. 126; vol. M15, p. 11; vol. B16, p. 262.

326. CHESWOLD METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1892--, Main St., Cheswold.

Organized and present building dedicated in 1892. It is a one story frame building with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Thomas R. Vandyke, 1892-94.

Minutes, 1891--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1909--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1930--, 2 vols.; in possession of secretary of Board of trustees, George Anderson. Register, 1892--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Elwyn Ennis; Records of incorporation and deed: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. N7, pp. 292 and 293.

327. ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1892--, Division St. near New St. Dover.

Organized and incorporated September 12, 1892 as Armory Methodist Episcopal

Church. Present building a one story frame structure with belfry and bell was dedicated the same year. Present name adopted in 1922. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1892--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1892--, 2 vols.; in possession of W. S. Short. Register, 1892--, 2 vols.; in church office in custody of pastor, Rev. Wilson C. Buckson, Little Creek. Sunday School, 1892--, 5 vols.; in possession of superintendent, Mrs. Charles Wright. Ladies' Aid Society, 1920--, 2 vols.; in possession of president, Mrs. Maude Vivian. Records of incorporation: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. L7, p. 79; vol. C12, p. 391.

328. KIRKWOOD METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1896--, Main St., Kirkwood.

Organized 1896. From 1895-99 services were held in a frame house, location, unknown. Present building was dedicated 1899. It was remodeled 1924. It is a one story frame building with a small bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. O. Walton, 1916-22.

Minutes, 1899--, 2 vols.; Register, 1899--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor. Rev. Robert S. Hodgson, Red Lion. Financial, 1905--, 1 vol.; in possession of Phoebe Sapp. Sunday School, 1899--, 1 vol.; kept in church. Record of deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. E31, p. 314.

329. EPWORTH METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1897--, Ocean end of Baltimore Ave., Rehoboth.

Organized 1897 as an outgrowth of revival meetings. The first church was built on Rehoboth Ave. In 1913 the church building was moved to present site, previously occupied by Scott's Chapel (entry 302) which had burned in that year, and the two congregations merged. Building was dedicated in 1899. Additions were built in 1914. It is a one story frame structure with basement and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. James D. Reese, 1897-1901.

Minutes, 1899--, 1 vol.; Register, 1899--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1899--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Conrad Hamer. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BRX125, pp. 552 and 501; vol. CCH135, p. 165; vol. DDU172, pp. 243 and 245; vol. DEN186, pp. 501, 503, and 577; vol. DEI187, pp. 557 and 585; vol. DEJ158, pp. 74 and 262; vol. DEK189, p. 90; vol. DGP246, p. 485; vol. DIG301, p. 447.

330. OMAR METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. 1900-24, (defunct) Omar.

Organized 1900 and services held in various private homes until 1906 when the church building was dedicated. A one story frame building. This organization became defunct in 1924 when a large number of the congregation moved to other sections. First settled clergyman, Rev. Belvin D. Nutter, 1900-01. Records of deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. DDC154, p. 526; vol. DBR183, p.16. No other Records located.

331. CEDARS METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1905--, Maple and Harrison Sts. Cedars.

Organized 1905. First known as Cedar Heights Chapel. Services were held in homes of members from 19005-1908. Present building was dedicated in 1908. It is a one story frame structure with stone foundation. It has a tower, a bell, and nine stained glass windows. First settled clergyman, Rev. Ivanhoe Willis, 1921-24.

Minutes, 1905--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1905--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1905--,

1 vol.; in possession of Mr. Pierson, Maple and Harrison Sts. Register, 1905--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. William H. Revells, Hockessin. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. G22, p. 256; vol. G21, p. 507; vol. G21, p. 521; vol. S21, p. 16; vol. G30, p.208.

332. TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1905--, 22nd and Church Sts., Wilmington.

Organized in January 1905--, services being held in store opposite present site until May and then in a tent until October. Frame building on present site was used until June 28, 1914, when new building was opened and dedicated. One story brick structure, Gothic style. First settled clergyman, Rev. L. J. McDougal, 1906-10. See: article in Wilmington Evening Journal, May 19, 1928. Minutes, 1906--, 3 vols.; in possession of C. Wesley Cook, 820 Vandover Ave. Register, 1905--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Charles H. Judson, 727 E 22nd St. Financial, 1906--, 2 vols.; in possession of Mrs. Gladys Thornton, 842 Vandover Ave. Sunday School, 1908--, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. U20, p. 554; vol. M24, p. 370; vol. Q24, p. 220; vol. I29, p. 536; vol. Z29, p. 279; vol. Z32, p. 488; vol. L33, p. 92.

333. WASHINGTON HEIGHTS METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1905-08 (defunct), 18th St. and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington.

Organized 1905 by a group from St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 257). Building opened and dedicated the same year. One story stone structure with English Gothic tower. Property lost by foreclosure of mortgage in 1908. This is the only church property pertaining to the Wilmington Conference lost through foreclosure. Later one hundred twenty members organized the McCabe Memorial Church (entry 338) which is still active. First settled clergyman, Rev. William Lemuell Showell Murray, 1905-08.

Minutes, 1905-08, 1 vol.; Register, 1905-08, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1905-08, 1 vol.; Ladies' Aid Society, 1905-08, 1 vol.; Epworth League, 1905-08 1 vol.; in possession of District Superintendent of the Wilmington Conference, Rev. Walter E. Gunby, 2705 Barrison St. Financial, 1905-08, 1 vol.; in possession of Rev. John H. Darling, 1804 Baynard Blvd. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. B20, p. 318; vol. E20, p. 5; vol. S21, p. 448.

334. EPWORTH METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1906--, (4 miles W. of Greenwood on slag road leading to Dublin Hill), R. F. D. Greenwood.

Organized and building dedicated in 1906. This church is an outgrowth of Trinity near Bridgeville (entry 250). The building, rebuilt in 1935, is one story frame structure, with belfry. First settled clergyman, Rev. William R. Mowbray, 1906-07.

Minutes, 1906--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1906--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. H. Banning, R. F. D. Register, 1906--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Robert E. Hastings, Farmington. Sunday School, 1906--, 1 vol.; kept in church Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DDE156, p. 154; Incorporation Record; vol. A1, p. 462.

335. ANTI SALMOS LEAGUE OF DELAWARE, 1907--, 100 W. 5th St. Wilmington.

Organized 1907 under the auspices of the Wilmington Annual Conference, opening offices in the Bayard Annex on E. 9th St. between King and Market Sts.

Moved in 1915 to present quarters, a three story brick building occupied also by the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Forms a part of the National Anti-Saloon League. The Temperance Committee of the Wilmington Conference usually includes directors of the Anti-Saloon League and reports of their work are made to the conference through this committee. First superintendent, Rev. John M. Arters, 1908-12; educated at Drew Seminary, Radison, N. J. Minutes, 1930--, 1 loose-leaf; Financial, 1930--, 1 vol. loose-leaf; in office in custody of Miss Stephenson. Records, 1907-29, in regional office, 1110 American Bldg., Baltimore, Md.

336. MILLVILLE METHODIST EPOSCOPAL CHRUCH, 1907--, Millville.

Organized and building dedicated 1907. A one story frame structure with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Oram T. Baynard, 1907-11. Register, 1907--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. William S. Grant, Ocean View. Minutes, 1907--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1907--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1907--, 1 vol.; in possession of Ralph Steele. Record of deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DEE183, p. 14.

337. RICHARDSON PARK METHODIST EPSCOPAL CHURCH, 1907--, Maryland and Matthes Aves., Richardson Park.

Organized and incorporated October 21, 1907. Until 1927 services were held in a two story concrete block stricture at Glynrich Ave. and Eureka St. Present building dedicated 1927. It is a two story stone structure, Colonial style. Name of church is inscribed at right of entrance. First settled clergyman, Rev. Charles D. Sharpless, July to December, 1908. Minutes, 1908--, 3 vols.; Register, 1908-34, 1 vol.; 1934--, 2 loose-leaf vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Alpha B. Frye, Norway Ave. and Eureka St. Financial, 1908--, 3 vols.; in possession of E. B. Highfield, 100 Champlain Ave. Sunday School, 1907--, 6 vols.; in possession of Harry G. Terrell, 303 N. DuPont Road. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deed Record; vol. R21, p. 46; vol. D22, p. 89; vol. H26, p. 417; vol. F27, p. 404; vol. Z32, p. 260; vol. I33, p. 144; vol. N40, pp. 52 and 55..

338. MCCABE MEMORIAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1908--, Baynard Blvd. and 22nd St., Wilmington.

Organized 1908 in home of Mrs. Lydia W. Slocomb, 1600 Washington St., By former members of Washington Heights Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 333). Incorporated March 20, 1908. Services held in a tent at 18th and Monroe Sts., until August. The tent being destroyed by a windstorm, a rented house at 227 Concord Ave. was occupied until December, when a chapel was opened on the present site. In 1913, during the erection of the present building, services were held in Public School No. 30, until September and then at 505 W. 21st St. until the Sunday school section of the church was opened in January 1914. Dedication services were conducted by Bishop Cranston. Completed church dedicated in May 1924. Stone structure, English Gothic style, with tower. Stained glass memorial windows and memorial pulpit and stets in Bolton Chapel. First settled pastor, Rev. William C. Peele, 1908-11. See: Rev. Frank C. MacSorley, historical sketch (Wilmington, Charles E. Gray, 1913); articles in Wilmington newspapers: Evening Journal, March 22, 1923, May 15, 1924; Dec. 24, 1927; Every Evening, May 17, 1930; leaf lots prints occasionally by church. Minutes, 1908--, 3 vols.; Register, 1908--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1908--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1908--, 1 vol.; Ladies' Aid Society, 1908--, 1 vol.; Junior

Epworth League, 1908--, 1 vol.; Youth Conference, 1908--, 1 vol.; in church safe. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. T21, p. 273; vol. Z21, p. 59; vol. N22, p. 327; vol. P22, p. 491; vol. W25, pp. 534 and 537; vol. V30, p. 69; vol. X34, p. 173; vol. T35, p. 380; vol. O37, p. 336.

339. HILLCREST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1909--, Hillcrest Ave. and Marah Rd., Hillcrest.

Organized 1909. First services, 1909-14, in frame structure of present site. Present building dedicated 1914. It is a one story stone structure with a square tower. First settled clergyman, Rev. Charles D. Sharpless. 1909-12. Sunday School, 1909--, 2 vols.; in possession of Helen Gregg, 6 Beverly Pl., Hillcrest. Other records destroyed by fire in May 1937. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. P22, p. 524; vol. X23, p. 272; vol. W24, p. 276.

340. BETHANY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1913--, Lewes Crossroads, near Laurel.

Organized 1913. Building dedicated in 1914. It is a frame building with a cornerstone, steeple, and bell. First settled clergyman, rev. Mr. Pogle, 1913-15; educated at Wesleyan Collegiate Institute, Dover. Minutes, 1913--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1913--, 1 vol.; in possession of W. Truitt, R. F. D. Millsboro. Register, 1914--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Arthur G. Thomas, Whitesville. Sunday School, 1914--, 1 vol.; kept in church. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DRM191, pp. 98 and 99.

341. RIDDLE MEMORIAL DEACORRSS BONE, 1913--, 307 West St., Wilmington.

Organized 1913. Managed by a board of trustees and controlled by the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Wilmington Annual Conference (entry 199). The deaconesses residing at the home conduct daily classes of scholars from the neighborhood. Visiting clergyman held vesper services every Sunday evening and baptismal services once a month for children. A house mother supervises the home and its social functions. The building, a four story brick structure, was formerly a dwelling and the interior has been altered to conform to the needs of the organization. First president, Mrs. C. Wesley Weldin. Minutes, 4 vols.; Baptismal Records, 1913--, card index; Financial, 1913--, complete set of accounting books; in possession of secretary, Mrs. Charles W. Staats, 1306 Baynard Blvd. Yearly reports sent to Women's Missionary Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 420 Plum St., Cincinnati (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Ohio). Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Certificate of Incorporation: vol. Z4, p. 38; vol. Z5, p. 78; Deeds Record; vol. L24, p. 113.

342. BRACK-EX METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1914--, 14 Bracken Ave. Brack-Ex.

Organized and incorporated July 31, 1914 as St. James Methodist Episcopal Church. Present name adopted November 16, 1914. The church is an outgrowth of a Sunday School organized at Roselle in 1913 and continued until the present church was completed and dedicated in 1915. A one story brick structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Penrose R. Talley, 1915-16. Minutes, 1915--, 1 vol.; in possession of Joseph Williams, 124 Central Ave. Register, 1915--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Reuben H. Adams, 10 Pracken Ave. Financial, 1915--, 1 vol.; in possession of Warren A Manuel,

2900 Cherry St., Roselio. Sunday School, 1915--, 1 vol.; in possession of Leonard E. Barnes, 5 N. Clifton Ave. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. D25, p. 497; vol. B25, p. 280; vol. R25, p. 420; vol. R30, p. 189.

343. HOLLY OAK METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1916--, Philadelphia Pike, Holly Oak.

Organized 1916. Incorporated July 2, 1920. Present building dedicated 1917. An addition built in 1928. A two story brick and frame structure, stucco finished. First floor is used as Church. First settled clergyman, Rev. Hugh B. Kelso, 1916-17; educated at Drew Theological Seminary, Svanston, Ill.

Minutes, 1916--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1916--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Lydia Richardson, Holly Oak Road. Sunday School, 1916--, 1 vol.; in possession of Miss Margaret Wink, Perkins Ave. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. R29, p. 599; vol. S29, p. 416; vol. H34, p. 376; vol. I35, p. 226.

344. BELLAFONTE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1919--, Rosedale Ave., Bellafonte.

Organized and incorporated December 10, 1919. Building dedicated 1920. A one story frame building with belfry and bell. It has seven stained glass memorial windows. First settled clergyman, Rev. Hugh B. Kelso, 1920-21; educated at Drew Theological Seminary, Svanston, Ill. Minutes, 1920--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1920--, 1 vol.; in possession of Harry A. Burst, 1114 Brandywine Blvd. Register 1920--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. James C. Steen, 1103 Rosedale Ave. Sunday School, 1920--, 1 vol.; in possession of Elliott Harrar, 1115 Melrose Ave. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. B29, p. 599; vol. N28, p. 517.

345. THE WILMINGTON GOODWILL INDUSTRIES, 1921--, 214 Walnut St. Wilmington.

Organized in March 1921, as a branch of the National Association of Goodwill Industries, Boston, Mass. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Massachusetts). Although associated with the Methodist Episcopal Church the organization, being a charitable rather than a purely religious body, is supported by and serves individuals of all faiths. Prayer services are held three mornings per week and all employees must attend. They organized a free kindergarten in 1934 which, for the past three years, has occupied separate quarters at the NE corner of 3rd and Walnut Sts. The purpose of the organization is to furnish employment for the needy. For the first three months the organization was housed in Ashbury Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 200). Two frame dwellings at 214 Walnut St. were then rented. These were later purchased and remodeled and served until 1929 when the present building, a two story brick structure with store front, was erected. First superintendent and founder, Rev. John H. Beauchamp, 1921-32; educated at Wesley Collegiate Institute, Dover.

Financial Records, 1921--, 17 loose-leaf vols.; current vol. in possession of bookkeeper, Miss Lenora Strong; others stored in basement. Kindergarten, 1934--, 2 note books; in possession of Mrs. M. DesJardine, 301 E. 3rd St. Record of deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office; Deeds Record; vol. M30, p. 572.

346. MARY TODD DAMBRILL NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE, 1927--, 400 S. Heald St., Wilmington.

Organized 1927 in a small store at S. and Heald Sts. where meetings were

held until 1926, when they moved to present building. Two story plain structure. First deaconess, Miss Minnie Pabet, 1927-30.

Minutes, 2 vols.; Financial, 1927--, 2 vols.; Sunday School, 1927--, 2 vols.; in office. Monthly reports sent to Women's Bone Missionary Society, 420 Plum St., Cincinnati, (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Ohio). Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deed Record: vol. V35, p. 149; Certificate of Incorporation: vol. L26, p. 1.

Methodist Episcopal-Delaware Annual Conference.

This is the conference of colored Methodist Episcopal churches having the same National affiliation as the Wilmington Annual Conference of white churches, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 150 Fifth Ave., New York (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of New York).

347. DELAWARE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH (Colored), 1864--,

Organized July 29, 1864, the first conference being held at the John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). It is by far the largest organization of colored churches in the State, although not the oldest. In general this organization duplicates that of the white conference but the territorial limits are not the same. The Delaware Conference pertains to the Philadelphia Area and is divided into five districts, of which two, Wilmington and Dover districts, are in Delaware. Both districts include many churches in adjacent States. The conference is a Delaware corporation, having been incorporated in Dover in 1905. The first presiding Bishop of the conference was Rev. Edmund Jones. Presiding Bishop District is Rev. J. W. Jewett, 48 S. Queen St., Wilmington. Minutes, 1864--, 75 vols.; in possession of secretary, Rev. C. C. Sprigg. 547 N. 56th St., Philadelphia.

348. EZION METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, (Colored), 1805--, 9th and French Sts., Wilmington.

Organized and incorporated January 5, 1805 as the African Methodist Episcopal Church under the auspices of Ashbury Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 290). Groups of colored people had been holding separate services in homes and in nearby groves since about 1800, resulting in a stone meeting house being built on the present site in 1805. This was the first organized colored congregation in Delaware. The church was enlarged in 1814 and rebuilt in 1870 of brick construction. Present name adopted March 31, 1885. It was nearly destroyed by fire in January 1886 but was rebuilt the same year. Three story brick structure with stained glass windows and pipe organ. Church contains a Sunday school banner made the year the church was established. First settled clergyman, Rev. Jacob Pondergrass, 1805-12. He is said to have been a former slave but was well educated for his time. He had been a member of Ashbury Methodist Episcopal Church in charge of the colored members of the congregation. His body lies buried under the pulpit of the church where today many of his descendents attend services. See: Rev. David N. Pargis, 130th Anniversary (Wilmington, privately printed, 1935).

Minutes, 1900--, 2 vols.; Register, 1900--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1900--, 2 vols.; Sunday School, 1890--, 2 vols.; in possession of Brother Caleb Laws, custodian of the records, 411 Taylor St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. G3, p. 226; vol. E3, p. 362; vol. N11, p. 365; vol. D14, p. 512; vol. N16, p. 402; vol. P16, p. 187; vol. N18, p. 442, Private Acts Record; vol. C1, p. 300.

349. LEE'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHAPEL, (Colored), 1824--, Pine Tree Crossroad, ¼ mile S. of Fieldsboro.

Organized and incorporated September 2, 1824. The location of the first place of worship is unknown but services were held in a frame building on South St. from 1869 to 1907. Services are believed to have been held in this building prior to 1869. On land purchased in 1892 the present building was erected and dedicated in 1907. A one story frame structure with tower. First settled clergyman, Rev. Alexander Lee, 1869-71.

Minutes, 1918--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of F. Frank Henry. Register, 1925--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Holly L. Jackson, South St. Townsend. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of Ruth Watson, Townsend. Records of incorporation and deeds: new Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. C4, p. 398; vol. I12, p. 461; vol. E21, pp. 93 and 95.

350. ZOAR METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, (Colored), 1845--, W. Front St., Odessa/

Organized 1845. 1845-51, worshipped in frame structure two blocks east of State road. Present building dedicated 1851. It is a one story brick structure. The windows and walls bear many memorial inscriptions. First settled clergyman, Rev. Arthur W. Hamilton, 1878-83.

Minutes, 1915--, 1 vol.; in possession of Edward Watson. Register, 1915-, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John L. Peace, W. Front St. Financial, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of Nathan Baynard, Locust Ave. Sunday School, 1905--, 3 vols.; in possession of Ella Wiggins, Osborne St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. M11, p. 340; vol. Z12, pp. 116 and 325; vol. Z19, p. 250; vol. M23, p. 479.

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351. ~~WHEATCOAT~~ METHODIST EPOSCOPAL CHURCH, (Colored), 1852--, Slaughter St. Dover.

Organized and first building, a frame structure on present site, erected in 1852. Present building was dedicated in 1872. It was remodeled in 1935. It is a two story frame building with a belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Prince Lewis, 1852-56. See: Rev. Oliver M. Spence, historical sketch in vol. 1 of register.

Minutes, 1879--, 7 vols.; Financial, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, Barry Blackson. Register, 1903--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Oliver M. Spence. Sunday School, 1874--, 10 vols.; in possession of superintendent, William Sockum. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. O5, p. 310; vol. P5, pp. 3 and 4; vol. Q11, p. 150.

352. BIG UNION METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, (Colored) 1852--, west of Frederica.

Organized 1852 by a group of colored people who previously worshipped at

Barratt's Chapel (entry 207). Building dedicated 1852. Rebuilt 1905. A one story frame structure with tower and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Mr. Spencer, 1852-?

Minutes, 1936--, 1 vol.; Register, 1936--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John E. Young.

353. WESLEY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1853--, 5 miles SE of Milford.

Organized and first church erected in 1853. Present church dedicated in 1906. It is a one story frame building with a bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Mr. Wright, 1853-54.

Minutes, 1890--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1930--, in possession of Motty Folks, R. F. D. Milford. Register, 1890--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. James C. Lockman, Lincoln. Sunday School, 1890--, 2 vols.; in church. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record. Vol. BBI108, p. 367; vol. BBX123, p. 60.

354. MT. SALEM METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, (Colored), 1856--, 138 E. 4th St., New Castle.

Organized 1856. Services held in private homes until 1857 when frame building was erected on present site and used until present church was dedicated in 1878. Building was remodeled in 1932. It is a one story brick structure of Colonial style. There is a graveyard on church grounds. First settled clergyman, Rev. Henry Lilly, tenure unknown.

Minutes, 1878--, (several gaps; including financial 1901--, 1 vol.; in possession of Thomas Johnson, Clayton St. Register, 1905--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Lawrence S. Perry, 115 E. 4th St. Sunday School, 1901--, 1 vol.; in possession of Lydia Ganel, 105 Chestnut St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. B17, p. 371; vol. Q19, p. 52; vol. R19, p.223; vol. P20, p. 453; vol. U26, p. 51; vol. Z8, p. 415.

355. ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1858--, Kirkwood.

Organized and building dedicated 1858. Incorporated July 15, 1889. Building rebuilt 1875. It is a one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. O. Dickerson, 1861-65.

Minutes, 1861--, 2 vols.; Register, 1861--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Steve Fullman, Delaware City. Financial, 1936--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1856--, 1 vol.; in possession of Anna King. Record of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. S10, p. 245; vol. D14, p. 61.

356. SIMPSON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, (Colored), 1864--, Gap Pike and Kiamensi Rd. Newport.

Organized 1864 as an outgrowth of Ezion Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 348). 1864-67, services held in schoolhouse next to present site. 1867-1920, building on present site used. 1921, one story frame structure on same site erected. It burned in 1931. Present building dedicated 1931. It is a one story brick building. First settled clergyman, Rev. A. W. Lober, 1891-93.

Minutes, 1931--, 1 vol.; in possession of Edward Knotts, Marshallton. Register, 1891--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. J. W. Parker, Gap Pike. Financial, 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of Helen Brown. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of Loraine Manhoff, Gap Pike. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. X16, pp. 175 and 235; vol. L17, p. 178; vol. Y32, pp. 520 and 523.

357. EBENEZER METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1865--, 3 miles S. of Townsend.

Organized 1865. From 1865 to 1904 services were held in a one story frame structure on the present site. Present building was dedicated in 1904. It, too, is a one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. John H. Arkoo. 1865-81.

Minutes, 1925--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1925--, 1 vol.; in possession of F. D. Caulk. Register, 1925--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Kelly L. Jackson. Sunday School, 1925--, 1 vol.; in possession of Wodlyn Caulk. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. I12, p. 461; vol. V14, p.14; vol. X14, p. 74.

358. HARMONY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1865--, 5 miles NE of Millsboro.

Organized and building dedicated in 1865. It was remodeled in 1891. It is a one story frame building with a cornerstone. First settled clergyman, Rev. P. A. Johnson, 1896-97.

Minutes, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of M. Morris. Register, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. William W. Brown, Newark, Md. Sunday School, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of Sunday School secretary. Albert Hall, R. F. D. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AW 45, p.124; vol. HM86, p. 225; vol. CCD138, p. 485; vol. DRQ195, p. 353.

359. ISRAEL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1865--, 3 miles SE of Nassau.

Organized in 1865. First church was built in 1868 and destroyed by fire in 1915. Present building was dedicated in 1916. It is a one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Samuel G. Waters, 1866-68.

Minutes, 1916--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1931--, 1 vol.; in possession of Clarence Harvel, R. F. D., Lewes. Register, 1916--, 2 vols.; Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. King S. Stewart, Lewes. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BP89, p. 132; vol. DEP194, p. 567.

360. WESLEY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1868--, 2 miles S. of Clarksville.

Organized and building dedicated 1868. It was rebuilt in 1885 and in 1920. It is a one story frame structure with a cupola. First settled clergyman, Rev. Mr. Whittleton, 1868-?.

Minutes, 1931--, 1 vol.; Register, 1907--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. F. Donald Jones, R. F. D., Frankford. Financial, 1910--, 1 vol.; in possession of George A. Walters, Frankford. Sunday School, 1907--, 1 vol.; in church safe.

361. DALE'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1869--, S. Lake St., Middletown.

Organized 1869 by Rev. Samuel Dale. Services were held in a one story frame structure in Daletown (new part of Middletown). 1869-84. Present building was dedicated in 1884 and rebuilt in 1894. It is a one story frame structure with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Samuel Dale, 1869-84.

Minutes, 1869--, 4 vols.; in possession of William Tascol Register, 1904--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John B. Russum, E. Lake St. Financial, 1910--, 1 vol.; in possession of George Pierce, Main St. Sunday School, 1910--, 1 vol.; in possession of Benjamin Bringley, E. Lake St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. B9, p. 67; vol. S13, p. 164; vol. T13, p. 328; vol. D14, pp. 237, 239 and 241; vol. L15, p. 141; vol. S17, p. 512; vol. E21, p. 272.

362. ST. PETER'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, (Colored), 1870--, 5th St., Delaware City.

Organized 1870. Services held in house of members until 1873 when present church was dedicated. Building rebuilt 1922. It is a one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Benjamin Gibbs, 1873-77.

Minutes, 1902--, 1 vol.; Register, 1902--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Steve Fullman. Financial, 1902--, 2 vols.; in possession of Clarence Harmon, 5th St. Sunday School, 1902--, 1 vol.; in possession of Josephine Rodgers, Cancil St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Q9, p. 417; vol. C10, p. 211; vol. C10, p. 491; vol. P36, p. 420.

363. FRIENDSHIP METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored, 1870--, Millsboro.

Organized about 1870, holding services in a small one story frame building. Present site was purchased in 1883 and building moved, original site being nearby. Is located about seven miles north of Millsboro. Present church built in 1895 when old building was destroyed by fire. One story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. T. A. Johnson, 1896-97.

Minutes (including Financial), 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of Eli Hitchens. Register, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. William W. Brown, Newark, Md. Sunday School, 1930--, 1 vol. in possession of Reese Phillips, R. F. D., Milford.

364. WESLEY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1872--, Nassau.

Organized 1872 as a result of camp meetings held in a grove near the present church. In 1873 a one story frame building was erected on the present site and used until 1908 when the present church was dedicated. A one story cement block building with tower and bell. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1931--, 1 vol.; Register, 1931--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1931--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1931--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Robert W. Thomas. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BW96, p. 165; vol. CCD129, pp. 416 and 419; vol. DDU172, p. 126; vol. DSH186, p. 65; vol. DEI187, p. 75.

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365. ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 9 Colored), 1872-- , North and 3rd Sts., Milford.

Organized and incorporated May 28, 1872. Building dedicated in 1876. This building was formerly used by the Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 202). It was remodeled in 1896. It is a two story red brick structure with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, unknown. Minutes, 1934-- , 1 vol.; Financial, 1934-- , 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, Prof. Bernard Young. Register, 1934-- , 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev Daniel G. Waters. Sunday School, 1945-- , 1 vol.; in possession of superintendent, Mrs. Elizabeth Freeman. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH B4, p. 292; vol. O5, p.97; vol. S7, p. 26; vol. E12, p. 283; vol. G12, p. 105; vol. Z13, p. 268.

HAVEN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1876-- , 1707 W. 3rd St., Wilmington.

Organized 1876 as an outgrowth of a Sunday school started by Ezion Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 348). The First chapel was erected by the trustees of Ezion, near the tracks of the Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad (now the Pennsylvania) in Browntown. This building was later sold to the railroad company and land was purchased on W. 3rd St., on which a one story frame church was erected in 1883. This building was destroyed by fire in 1907. The present church, a one story brick structure with tower, was erected on land donated by Morris Chaiken. Dedicated 1908. The Frederick Douglas School (now colored school No. 21), 5th and Scott Sts., was used by the congregation during erection of the present building. First settled clergyman, Rev. William Holland, 1876-77.

Minutes, 1 vol.; Financial, 1934-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Richard Brown, 237 Delaware Place. Register, 1934-- , 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1934-- , 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. William A. Mulley, 1707 W 3rd St. Records prior to 1934 were in possession of Mr. Bird, an attorney in Chester, Pa., but could not be found after his death. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. V12, p.15; vol. R21, p. 331; vol. L22, pp. 142 146, 150, 152, and 158; Certificate of Incorporation; vol. B3. p.69.

367. CENTANNIAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1876-- , Mt. Vernon St., Smyrna.

Organized 1876. Services held in a two story frame building, one block from present site, 1876-1928. Present building dedicated 1928. A one story frame building with belfry. First settled clergyman, Rev. William Coffey, 1877-78.

Minutes, 1932-- , 1 vol.; Register, 1932-- , 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1932-- , 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. D. Lyght. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Y3, p. 332; vol. V6, p. 426; vol. Q9, p. 67; vol. Y9, p. 54; vol. N11, p. 461; vo. O11 p. 64; Mortgage Record; vol. O1, p. 185; vol. M5, p. 329.

368. HAVER METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1878-- , South St. Townsend.

Organized 1878. Incorporated July 5, 1882. First worshipped in a frame structure next to present personage on South St. Present building dedicated

in 1922. It is a one story frame structure with tower and bell. First Settled clergymen, Rev. John H. Arkee, who served also Ebenezer (entry 357), 1872-81.

Minutes, 1913--, 1 vol.; Register, 1913--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1925--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Kelly L. Jackson. Sunday School, 1925--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mary Montgomery, Townsend. Records of incorporation and deed; New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. A27, p. 285; vol. F29, p.21; Private Acts Record; Vol. C1, p. 255.

369. LITTLE UNION METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1881--, 2 miles S. of Cheswold.

Organized 1881. Incorporated April 10, 1884. Services were held at Dover until the dedication of present building in 1884. It is a one story frame structure with cornerstone. This church and Manship have been continuously served by same pastor. First settled clergymen, Rev. Joshua Brinkley, 1801-85.

Minutes, 1935--, 1 VOL.; Register, 1935--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1936--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Frank T. Johnson. Record of incorporation: Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol.O6, p. 458.

370. MANSHIP METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1861--, Route 42, near Cheswold.

Organized and building dedicated in 1881. It is a one story frame building with a cornerstone. This church and little Union have been continuously served by same pastor. First settled clergyman, Rev. Joshua Brinkley, 1881-85.

Minutes, 1935--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Frank T. Johnson. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. O6, p. 459; vol. W6, p. 358.

371. MT. JOY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, (Colored), 1882--, Townsend St., Wilmington.

Organized 1882 as "Whittington Chapel" by a group from Ezion Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 346). Incorporated under present name in 1890. Present church opened and dedicated in 1882. Rebuilt in 1889. Brick structure, Gothic style. First settled clergyman, Rev. S. P. Whittington, 1882-85.

Minutes, 1882--, 19 vols.; Register, 1882-1933. 1 vol.; 1933--, 1 vol.; loose-leaf; Financial, 1900--, Sunday School, 1852--, 2 vols.; in church office; Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. F14, p. 280; vol. G14, p. 532; vol. B14, p. 328; vol. K14, p. 3; vol. L14, p. 446; vol. U14, p. 509; vol. X14, p. 327; vol. Y14, p/ 123; vol. C20, p. 340; vol. V26, p. 48.

372. ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1882--, 3rd St., Lewes.

Organized 1882 by former members of St. George's African Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 393). Present building opened and dedicated at that time. Remodeled in 1932. One story clapboard structure with bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. King J. Still, 1882-84.

Minutes, 1928--; Register, 1884--; 2 vols.; Financial, 1928--; 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1933--; 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. King S. Stewart. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BW95, p. 255; vol. CCf131, p. 244.

373. MT. PLEASANT METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1884--; Stanton Rd., Christiana.

Organized and building dedicated 1884. Building was remodeled in 1901. It is a one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev Mr. Herbert, 1887-89.

Minutes, 1901--; 4 vols.; Financial, 1928--; 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1928--; 1 vol.; in church office. Register, 1928--; 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Charles M. Kincade, 1007 Poplar St., Wilmington.

374. WAIER'S NEW ZION METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, (Colored), 1884--; 6th St., Laurel.

Organized and building dedicated 1884. Originally known as New Zion. Incorporated under present name September 24, 1924. Building was rebuilt at that time. It is a one story cement block building with a belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1884--; 1 vol.; in possession of J. R. Webb. Register, 1881--; 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Bishop B. Carson. Financial, 1884--; 1 vol.; in possession of Larry Brown. Sunday School, 1936--; 1 vol.; in possession of Miss B. Steward. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. CCR143, p. 238; vol. DHH186, p. 537; vol. DIR248, p. 465.

375. ST. JAMES METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, (Colored), 1886--; Church St., St. Georges.

Organized 1886. It is an outgrowth of Bell's Chapel, now defunct. The present building was dedicated 1886 and rebuilt 1916. It is a one story frame structure with tower and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Mr. Coleman, 1886-07.

Minutes, 1916--; 1 vol.; Financial, 1916--; 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1896--; 1 vol.; in possession of Effie Simmons. Register, 1916--; 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John T. Peace, W. Front St., Odessa. Ladies' Aid Society, 1911--; 2 vols.; in possession of Rachael Thomas. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Y17, p. 434; vol. Z17, p. 343.

376. MT. ZION METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1886, Main St., Lincoln.

Organized 1886, as an outgrowth of a series of camp-meetings held in the nearby woods. These were continued until the present church was dedicated in 1887. A one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1886--; 1 vol.; in possession of Harvey Young. Register, 1886--; 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. James G. Lochman. Financial, 1886--; 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. L. Collins. Sunday School, 1900--; 1 vol.; in church.

377. ZOAR METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), ¼ mile E. of Selbyville.

Organized and building dedicated 1892. In 1925 the building was moved a

distance of one mile to the present site and rebuilt. A one story frame structure with cornerstone and bell. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1900--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1892--, 2 vols.; in possession of Harley Derrickson. Register, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. F. Donald Jones, Clarksville. Sunday School, 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of Marjorie Williams. Records of deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DPU277, p. 257; vol. DHV278, p. 79.

378. MT. CALVARY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, (Colored), 1900--, Portsville.

Organized 1900 as a mission sponsored by the Mardella Springs Methodist Episcopal Church in Maryland (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland). Present building dedicated 1900 and remodeled 1925. A one story frame building. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1933--, 1 vol.; Register, 1933--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1933--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1933--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. W. O. Turner, Laurel. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. CCK136; p. 216.

379. BOTTONWOOD METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1916--, Buttonwood Ave., Buttonwood.

Organized and building dedicated 1915. A one story frame structure. Date inscribed on cornerstone. First settled clergyman, Rev. King S. Stewart, 1916-17.

Minutes, 1928--, 1 vol.; Register, 1928--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Charles E. Kincade, 1007 Poplar St. Wilmington. Financial, 1928--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1928--, 1 vol.; in possession of Sylvester Woolford, Buttonwood St., New Castle.

380. ST. PETER'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1921-37 (defunct), 8th and Bancroft Parkway, Wilmington. (Sold property to Wesley).

Organized 1921 by a group from old St. Peter's African Union Methodist Protestant Church (entry 430) whose building had become too dilapidated for further use. Services were held in School No. 21 on 5th St. between Scott and Lincoln Sts. until 1923 when present building was opened and dedicated. Denomination was changed at that time to secure financial aid from the Delaware Conference (entry 347). Brick building, colonial style. Two stained glass memorial windows. Church is now defunct, closing early in 1937 for financial reasons. First settled clergyman, Rev. O. P. Robinson, 1921-24; educated at Lincoln University, Chester County, Pa.

Minutes, 1921-37, 16 vols.; Sunday School, 1921-37, 16 vols.; in possession of recording secretary, Gertrude H. Young, 2312 W. 6th St. Register, 1921-37, 4 vols.; in possession of Theodore Gray, 1306 Wilson St. Financial, 1921-37, 16 vols.; in possession of financial secretary, Edith Frisby, 225 Scott St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. P31, p. 315; vol. A32, pp. 100 and 112.

381. MT. CARMEL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1923--, 506 E. 11th St., Wilmington.

Organized 1923 by Rev. J. R. McBride of Frankford, Del. Services were held in a one story frame building at 14th and Claymont Sts. until 1925 when

congregation moved to present quarters, a building of similar construction. First settled pastor, Rev. J. R. McBride, 1923-25.

Minutes, 1930--, 2 vols.; Register, 1930--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1930--, 2 vols.; Sunday School.; 1930--, 2 vols.; in possession of Theodore Gray, 1306 Wilson St. Record of incorporation: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. F32, p. 477.

African Methodist Episcopal

The African Methodist Episcopal Church was at first merely a name by which the Methodist churches attended by members of the colored race were known. The first of such churches built by colored Methodists was Bethel Chapel in Philadelphia (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania) dedicated July 29, 1794. This chapel was erected under the leadership of Richard Allen, a colored man from Delaware who became its first pastor. He was later elected the first bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and became one of the great leaders of his race. Other colored churches were established during succeeding years, all being under the jurisdiction of the Methodist Conference. But the ministers supplied by the white conference were sometimes unacceptable to their colored charges and considerable friction developed. Bethel Church adopted articles of association in 1796 and these were amended in 1807 a favorable decision of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania paved the way for a complete separation of the colored churches and was followed by a conference in April 1816 at which the present organization was formed. One of the sixteen persons known to have attended this conference was the Rev. Peter Spencer, who had been elected the first bishop of the Union Church of African Members (now African Union Methodist Protestant Church, See Section XXIV) in 1814. He seems to have attended merely as the head of an allied colored denomination, as there is no evidence of a formal connection between the two organizations.

General conferences are held quadrennially and district conferences annually. National headquarters are the General Conference of the African Methodist Church, 716 S. 19th St., Philadelphia (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania).

382. DELAWARE CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1924--,

Organized 1924 by the African Methodist Episcopal churches in Delaware which had formerly been members of the Philadelphia Conference (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). A few nearby churches in Pennsylvania are also included. The territory of the conference is divided into two districts, Wilmington District, of which Rev. Dr. Joseph L. Link, 320 Flower St., Chester, Pa., is presiding elder, and Dover District, of which Rev. W. N. Brown is presiding elder. Presiding Bishop of the conference is Rt. Rev. David Henry Simms, 211 N. 53rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Minutes, 1924--, 7 vols. (Philadelphia, A.M.E. Book concern Print); in possession of Rev. Dr. Joseph L. Link, 320 Flower St., Chester, Pa.

383. ZION AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1834--, (defunct) Congo Town, near Port Penn.

Organized in 1834. Services were held in private homes until 1856 when Port Penn Presbyterian Church was purchased and moved to Congo Town. It was

dedicated the same year. It is a one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. F. Pullet, 1856-58. See: Susan E. Vandergrift, historical sketch in minute book, 1921. Minutes, 1913--, 1 vol.; Register, 1913--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1887-97, 1 vol.; 1933--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1920--, 2 vols.; in possession of Timothy Harson, Congo Town. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol.E11, p. 298; vol. W19, p. 599.

384. BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1836--, East Commerce St., Smyrna.

Organized in 1836 as Farrow's Meeting House. Incorporated June 18, 1852 under present name. First church, a brick building on Moravian Ave. was used until present building was dedicated in 1867. It was rebuilt in 1921. It is a one story brick building. Over entrance is a stone bearing name and dated 1867. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1917--, 1 vol.; Register, 1922--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1917--, 3 vols.; in possession of Nettie H. Watson, Commerce St. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of William Turner, Pearl St. Records of Deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. T3, p. 188; vol. R4, p. 190; vol. B4, p. 240; vol. L5, p.367; Mortgage Record; vol.I2, p. 16.

385. BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPLA CHURCH, 1846--, 602 Walnut St., Wilmington.

Organized and incorporated (Scharf 731) 1846, meeting in a small frame building at 12th and Elizabeth Sts. until 1852. Then in a frame structure on Penn St., near 6th until 1865. Church on present site was then purchased from the German Lutherans (entry 185) and occupied until 1878 when it was replaced by the present church, which was opened and dedicated in 1936. One story stone structure, Old English style, with three front entrances. First settled clergyman, Rev. Adam Brown, 1846-47. See: Rev. A. Chester Clark, Souvenir Booklet of 88th anniversary (Philadelphia, A. M. E. Book Concern, 1934).

Minutes, 1863-69, 1 vol.; 1868-82, 1 vol.; in possession of Carrie Pepes, 926 French St. Register, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of John Brown, 527 E. 12th St.

Minutes, 1935--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of Howard M. Naudain, 827 Madison St. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of Lewis A. Redding, 200 N. 100th St. Prior records destroyed by fire. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. R5, p. 356; vol.S5, p. 205; vol. C8, p. 239; vol.Y8, p.114; vol. O13, p. 500; vol. B15, p.137; vol. B15, p. 607; vol. E17, p. 264; vol.Q34, p.31; vol. M39, p.223.

386. ARTIOCH AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1856--, (Dagsboro to Frankford Road) (see 352, 1852--, west of Frederica).

Organized and building dedicated 1856. Church was rebuilt in 1918. Incorporated 1919. It is a one story frame building with a belfry. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1900--, 1 vol.; Register, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. G. S. Sterling. Sunday School, 1920--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. G. S. Sterling. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBV121, p. 288; vol. CCM138, p. 581; vol. DEX202, p. 4; vol. DFI216, p. 131; vol. DFU225, p.569.

387. PROSPECT AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1866--, Railroad Ave., Georgetown.

Organized and building dedicated 1866. It was rebuilt in 1907. It is a one story frame building with belfry and cornerstone. First settled clergyman, unknown. Minutes, 1907--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1907--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Lucy Harrington. Register, 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. M. J. Pettyjohn. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of Miss Helen Stewart. Records of deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBG106, p. 159; vol. CCB133, p. 318; vol. DEM191, p. 130; vol. DIB290, p. 69.

388. MT. PISCAH AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1876--, Townsend St. near 6th St. Laurel.

Organized and building dedicated in 1667. Rebuilt in 1884, Addition in 1903. A one story frame structure with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. William R. Norris, tenure unknown. Minutes 1900--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of Oliver Hearn. Register, 1900--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Henry Bessellieu. Sunday School, 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of Bazel Moore. Records if incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BR96, p. 110; vol. BBL111, pp. 21 and 23; vol. DOW174; p. 426.

389. DICKERSON AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1868--, Highway 24, 2 miles SW of Millsboro.

Organized 1868. Incorporated 1885. The first church, built of hewed logs on present site, served with some alternations until 1924. Part of this building still stands and is used as a dwelling. It was replaced in 1924 by the present church. It is a one story frame building with cement basement, belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. W. M. Morris, 1868-69. Minutes, 1916--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1916--, 1 vol.; in possession of Martha Fall. Register, 1916--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. James B. King, Georgetown. Sunday School, 1915--, 1 vol.; in possession of Daisy Lawson. Record of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBD103, p. 340; vol. DEP272, p. 420.

390. BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1870--, near Church St., Milford.

Organized 1870, meeting in a small hall on Church St., near 4th St., until 1892 when congregation moved to frame church on present site. Construction of a new church of cement blocks was started in 1937. Church will be one story with basement. Gothic style. Construction work is being done by the present pastor, Rev. John W. Whalen and church members who are donating their services. Services were held in basement on December 12, 1937 but building will not be dedicated until completed. First settled clergyman, unknown. Minutes, 1910--, yearly vols.; in possession of William M. Brown, 212 William St. Register, 1937--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1937--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John W. Whalen, 312 Church St. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. R7, p. 485; vol. M12, p. 308; vol. X13, p. 42; Mortgage Record; vol. K2, p. 284; vol. F5, p. 379.

391. MT. CALVARY AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1872--, Concord.

Organized 1872 by a group of colored people, who previously worshipped at Concord Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 230). First church, a frame structure, was built in 1872, about one-half mile west of the present site. It was remodeled in 1894 and destroyed by fire in 1921. Present building dedicated 1921. A one story frame structure with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Chandler Gains, 1872-74.

Minutes, 1936--, 2 vol.; Financial, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Anna West. Register, 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Andrew W. Rothwell. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; kept in church. Records of deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DDV173, p. 174; vol.DGB232, p. 231; vol. DRV278, p. 596.

392. MT. ZION AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1872--, Kirkwood St. Dover.

Organized 1872. Present building opened and dedicated same year. Rebuilt 1915. A one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Prince G. Laws, tenure unknown.

Financial, 1934--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1910-16, 1919-21, 1922, 3 vols., 1925--, 5 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. O. H. Spence.

393. ST. GEORGE'S AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1878--, Park Ave., Lewes.

Organized and incorporated July 17, 1878. Date church was built is unknown but it was prior to 1882 as in that year it was destroyed by fire. The second church, a frame structure, was built in 1883 and stood on the Pilot Town road about one mile from Lewes. This was destroyed by fire in 1891. The third church, a frame structure, was built in 1891 on 4th St., near Park Ave. and was used until 1930 when the present building was dedicated. A one story cement block structure, with bell. Cornerstone has dates of three churches. First settled clergyman, Rev. Mr. Allen, tenure unknown. See: Rev Mr. Allen, historical sketch of church; manuscript in possession of Rev. John W. Whalen, Milford.

Minutes, 1934--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1903--, 3 vols.; in possession of Mrs. S. Miller. Register, 1934--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1934--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Oscar S. Neil. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BQ90, p. 567; vol. BV95, p. 75; vol. CCF131, pp. 378 and 379; vol. DGC, p. 556; vol. DGG237, p. 578; vol. DHL268, p. 406.

394. MACEDONIA AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1879--, North and Lincoln Sts. Seaford.

Organized 1879 and services held in a church situated on the west side of the highway, on the outskirts of town. Dedicated 1879, building moved to present site and rebuilt 1915. A one story frame building. First settled Clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1924--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1932--, in possession of M. Nutter. Register, 1932--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. W. V. Trader.

Sunday School, 1932--, in church safe. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DEJ198, p. 57; vol. DFN218, p. 454; vol. DGQ247, p. 420; vol. DET198, pp. 256 and 373.

395. BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1880--, Clinton St., Milton.

Organized 1880. Incorporated 1897. First worshipped in frame structure on present site. This building burned in 1926. Present building dedicated the same year. It is a one story cement block building with a bell. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1926--, 1 vol.; financial, 1926--, 1 vol.; in possession of Frank Simpler. Register, 1926--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Jeremiah M. Holland. Sunday School, 1926--, 1 vol.; in church safe. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BU94, p. 350; vol. BBY124, p. 516; vol. CCE130, p. 265.

396. MT PLEASANT AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1883, on State Highway, near Rehoboth.

Organized 1883 and called Little's Chapel. Services were held in private homes and in a nearby grove until 1884 when the present building was dedicated. A one story frame structure with gallery. First settled clergyman, Rev. King J. Still, 1884-85.

Minutes, 1931--, 1 vol.; Register, 1931--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1931--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev R. W. Thomas.

397. TRINITY AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1894--, Lockwood St., Middletown.

Organized 1884 as an outgrowth of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Smyrna (entry 384). Incorporated 1885. Present building dedicated 1884. It is a one story brick structure. Stone over entrance bears name of church. First settled clergyman, Rev. B. Cole, 1884-? educated at Payne Theological Seminary, Nilberforce, Ohio.

Minutes (including Register), 1884--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. C. N. Johnson, N. Lockwood St. Financial, 1884--, 1 vol.; in possession of Wallace Sudler, Cox St. Sunday School, 1884--, 1 vol.; in possession of Roland Gibbs, N. Lockwood St. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. K13, p. 369; vol. G22, p. 67.

398. MANSTY'S AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1885--, Greensprings Road. Smyrna.

Organized not later than 1885 at which time present church was built. Plain frame building on brick foundation, with cornerstone bearing date of construction. Graveyard lies behind the church, but is unattended and most of the headstones are badly weathered. First settled clergyman, unknown. Minutes, 1885--, 1 vol.; in possession of Isaac Young. R. F. D. Smyrna. Record of deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. N30, p. 107.

399. SHORTER'S AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1891--, 1331 E. 12th St. Wilmington.

Organized 1891 by a group from Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

(entry 386), opening and dedicating present building at that time. One story frame building. First settled clergyman, Rev. James Lee, 1891-93.

Minutes, 1891--, 2 vols.; Register, 1891--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1891--, 2 vols.; in possession of Mrs. Mary Bailey, 822 Pine St. Sunday School, 1893--, 2 vols.; in possession of Soles Focks, 816 Church St.

400. GRANT'S AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1902--, 313 S. Heald St. Wilmington.

Organized 1902 by Elder Henry Lee of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Philadelphia (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). Services held in one story frame building at 612 Locust St. until 1934 when the congregation moved to present building, a small frame structure. First settled pastor, Rev. Henry Lee, 1902-05.

Minutes, (including Register), 1933--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1932--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. J. Thomas Miller, 445 S. Buttonwood St. Sunday School, 1926--, 1 vol.; in possession of Elizabeth Monday, 602 Lombard St.

401. MT. NEBO AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1903--, R. F. D. Columbia.

Organized 1903 holding services in the home of John Cooper. Present building dedicated 1904. Rebuilt 1932. A one story frame structure. The land on which the church stands was donated by Mr. Cooper. First settled clergyman, Rev. John Mclock, 1903-04.

Minutes, 1903--, 1 vol.; in possession of D. J. Johnson, R.F.D. Delmar. Register, 1903--, 2 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. William Marks, Mardella Springs, Md. Financial, 1903--, 1 vol.; in possession of Arthur Burris, R.F.D. Delmar. Sunday School, 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of Sally Allen, R.F.D. Delmar.

402. MT ZION AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1906--, Main St., Ellendale.

Organized and building dedicated 1906. A one story frame structure with cupola. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1906--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1906--, 1 vol.; in possession of Thomas Price. Register, 1906--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. C. F. Elliot, Greenwood. Sunday School, 1934--, 1 vol.; kept in church. Record of deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DDV173, p. 128.

403. BINGGOLD AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1912--, Armstrong.

Organized about 1912 and named for Rev. Isaac E. Binggold presiding elder of the Wilmington District. Building is one story frame structure, walls covered with shingles and corrugated iron roof. First settled clergyman, Rev. Oscar Meal, 1912-15.

Minutes, in possession of trustee, Alfred Johnson, Mt. Pleasant.

404. ELIZABETE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1918--, (Homestead).

Organized 1918. Services were held in a tent and in homes of members until land was purchased and the present building erected in 1921. A one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. M. G. Poil, 1918-33.

Minutes, 1938--, 1 vol.; in possession of Florence Crawford, P. O. Box 54. Register, 1938--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John E. Stephens, 917 Walnut St., Wilmington. Financial, 1938--, 1 vol.; in possession of Frs. Lucille Wilson, Homestead. All records previous to 1938 lost. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. F33, p. 157; vol. C34, p. 581.

405. NEW ZION AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1925--, New Discovery Road, ½ miles E. of Townsend.

Organized and building dedicated 1925. It is a one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. G. Green, 1925-26.

Minutes, 1925--, 1 vol.; in possession of Leona Blackson, R.F.D. Register, 1925--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. G. W. Jackson, 1107 A St., Wilmington. Financial, 1925--, 1 vol.; in possession of Wesley Briscoe, R.F.D. Sunday School, 1925--, in possession of Helen Murphy. R.F.D.

Union American Methodist Episcopal

The older churches of this denomination were originally members of the Union Church of African Members (now the African Union Methodist Protestant Church, see Section XXIV). Legal difficulties arising after the death of Peter Spencer, founder of that denomination, caused almost the entire membership to withdraw from the original organization. In 1852 these churches formed the present organization. The leader of this movement was the Union Church of Wilmington, later called the Mother Church. It is now the Mother Reformed Union American Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 417), having withdrawn with other churches from the Union American conference in 1935.

Delaware churches of this denomination are members of the Delaware Annual Conference of the Union American Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 406). Senior Bishop, who is also head of the denomination, is Rt. Rev. P. A. Boulden, 1928 Federal St., Philadelphia (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania).

406. DELAWARE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1897--,

Organized and incorporated April 7, 1897, members having previously been associated with the annual conference in Philadelphia (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church archives of Pennsylvania). The conference divided into two groups in 1935, several churches withdrawing and forming the Reformed Union American Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 415). Secretary of the conference is Rev. John P. Predow, 1010 Walnut St., Wilmington.

Minutes are reported by conference secretary to be in possession of the Senior Bishop, Rt. Rev. P. A. Boulden, 1928 Federal St., Philadelphia but details regarding them are not available. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Private Acts Record; vol. F1, p. 161; Deeds Record; vol. G19, p. 189; vol. E26, p. 385; Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. S11, p. 190; vol. Y13, p. 24.

407. ST. BARINL UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1813-- (in Delaware on Highway 2), Iron Hill, Md.

Organized about 1813, open air meetings being held until present church was dedicated the same year. Congregation incorporated September 2, 1867 as the Union American Church of Iron Hill. Church was rebuilt in 1912. It is a one story frame building. First settled clergyman, unknown. See: Daisy Webster, 79th Anniversary, (Philadelphia, Union American M. E. Church, 1892). Minutes, (including all records) 1813--, 6 vols.; in possession of Daisy Webster, Iron Hill, Md. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co, Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. X8, p.134; vol. O31, p. 201.

408. MOUNT PIGGAH UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1820-- Summit Bridge.

Organized 1820 as the Union Church of Welsh Tract and incorporated February 25, 1868 as the Union American Church of Welsh Tract. Services were held in a log building until 1887 when the congregation purchased a property near the bridge and erected a frame church. This church was condemned and purchased by the Federal Government for widening the Chesapeake and Delaware canal. The congregation then erected the present building which was completed and dedicated in 1937. One story frame structure with basement. Gothic style windows. Reincorporated under present name December 27, 1933. First settled clergyman, unknown. See: article in Wilmington Journal-Every Evening, March 3, 1937.

Minutes, 1930--, 1 vol.; Register, 1935--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1937--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Alfred E. Miller, Delaware City. Deed and a few miscellaneous papers at Union American Headquarters, 1928 Federal St. Philadelphia. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Y4, p. 391; vol.N8, p. 427; vol. Q8, p. 73; vol. K36, p. 699; vol. T39, p. 59.

409. MOUNT SALEM UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored, 1846--, 4th and Baynard Sts., Delaware City.

Organized 1846, under the name of the African Union Church, being an outgrowth of Ezion Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington (entry 348). 1846-76, services held in cabin near Chesapeake and Delaware Canal below Fort duPont. From 1876 to 1931 a small church on Fort duPont ground was occupied. Present building dedicated and present name adopted in 1931, at which time they joined the Union American Conferences. Building is a one story brick structure. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1890--, 4 vols.; in possession of Edward Heal, Washington St. Register, 1856-1909, 4 vols.; Financial, 1877-1931, 4 vols.; Sunday School, 1877-1923; in possession of Rt. Rev. P. A. Boulden, 1928 Federal St., Philadelphia. Register. 1900--. 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. G. H. Murphy, Popetown, Road. Financial, 1931--, 1 vol.; in possession of Herbert Brown, 3rd and Baynard Sts. Sunday School, 1923--, 1 vol.; in possession of Sylvester Clark. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Z5, p. 155; vol. H10, p. 299; vol. A21, p. 214; vol. W37, p. 537; vol. Y37, p. 65.

410. UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (OLD FORT) (Colored), 1850-- Stenton Pike, Christiana.

Organized 1850. Incorporated in 1868. Services were held in private homes

until 1857. A one story brick structure was then built about a half mile below Christiana on the road to New Castle. This building was used until 1897 when present building was dedicated. It is a one story brick structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. John L. Hood, 1850-52.

Minutes, 1900--, 1 vol.; Register, 1900--, 1 vol.; financial, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of Ester Neal, Stanton Rd., Christiana. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. F8, p. 386; vol. R17, p. 67; vol. T17, p. 320; vol. P37, p. 526.

411. MOUNT ZION UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1869--, New London Ave., Newark.

Organized and building dedicated in 1869. Incorporated September 12, 1870. The present building was at one time a blacksmith shop. It has been remodeled and additions have been built. It is a one story frame building. First settled clergymen, Rev. Edward Williams, tenure unknown.

Minutes, 1928--, 1 vol.; Register, 1928--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1928--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1912--, 4 vols.; in possession of Mrs. Alberta Johnson, 106 New London Ave. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. D9, p. 471; vol. R9, p. 236; vol. D16, pp. 154 and 155; vol. G17, p. 236; vol. A24, p. 303.

412. ST. PAUL'S UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1887--, 408 E. 11th St., Wilmington.

Organized 1887, meeting in a rented room at Front and Tatnall Sts., and in other rented quarters until 1903, when they moved to the present building, a converted residence. Incorporated November 6, 1902 and reincorporated December 30, 1919. First settled clergyman, Rev. E. P. Sheppard, 1887-89.

Minutes, 1935--, 1 vol.; Register, 1935--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1935--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1931--, 1 vol.; in church office. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. A29, pp. 334 and 337; vol. F20, p. 214; Certificate of Incorporation; vol. R1, p. 553;

413. BOULDEN UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1896--, 821 E. 8th St., Wilmington.

Organized 1896 when present church was opened and dedicated. Remodeled 1930. Plain two story building, stucco finish. First settled clergyman, Rev. P. A. Boulden, 1896-1914. He is now Senior Bishop of the denomination.

Minutes, 1896--, 4 vols.; in possession of Elsie Wilson, 809 W. 8th St. Financial, 1896--, 3 vols.; Sunday School, 1914--, 2 vols.; in possession of Elsie Thomas, 1105 Pine St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. G37, p. 190; vol. L36, p. 497; vol. B36, p. 71.

414. ST. PAUL'S UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1899--, S. Bast St. Smyrna.

Organized 1899, services being held in private homes until present building was opened and dedicated September 9, 1905. Rebuilt in 1919. One story frame structure. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes (including financial and all records); in possession of the church clerk, Emanuel Boyer, Mulberry St.

Reformed Union American Methodist Episcopal

This is one of the two colored denominations where headquarters are in this State. The churches pertaining to this denomination withdrew from the Delaware Annual Conference of the Union American Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 406) in 1935. There are two diocesan conferences, Philadelphia (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania) and Wilmington. Bishop of the former is Rt. Rev. E. S. Bice, 303 W. Chestnut St., West Chester, Pa. Bishop of the latter, who is also resident agent of the corporation, is Rt. Rev. Daniel B. Ennis, 1033 Poplar St. Wilmington.

415. WILMINGTON CONFERENCE OF THE REFORMED UNION AMERICAN CHURCH, INC. (Colored), 1935--,

Organized 1935 by churches withdrawing from the Delaware Annual Conference of the Union American Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 406). The largest church of this denomination in Delaware was a leader in the movement and is known as the mother church (see entry 417). The conference includes some churches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey as well as the Delaware churches and is known as the First Episcopal Diocese. Annual conferences have been held since 1936. The organization was incorporated under the laws of Delaware October 14, 1937, with the Bishop of the Diocese, Rt. Rev. Daniel E. Ennis, 1033 Poplar St., Wilmington, as its resident agent. Minutes, 1937--, 1 vol.; in possession of Rt. Rev. Daniel B. Ennis, 1033 Poplar St., Wilmington. Record of incorporation: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Certificate of Incorporation; vol. C46, p.526.

416. REFORMED UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1817--, 5th & Williams St., New Castle.

Organized and incorporated as the African Union Church of New Castle, October 29, 1817. Reincorporated as The Union American Church of New Castle, November 18, 1867. This church was an outgrowth of the African Union Methodist Protestant Church of Wilmington (entry 424). Present building was dedicated 1838, and remodeled in 1905 and 1907. It is a one story frame building with cornerstone. Cemetery adjoins the church. First settled clergyman, Rev. James Borsan, tenure unknown. Minutes, 1896--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1926--, 1 vol.; in possession of John Billie S. 54 W. 4th St. Register, 1896--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Frank Henderson, 29 W. 5th St. Sunday School, 1895--, 1 vol.; in possession of Grace Brocks, 426 Williams St. White Missionary Society, 1898--, 1 vol.; in possession of Gertrude London, 67 W. 4th St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. S3 p. 275; vol. T3, p. 514; vol. O8, p. 95; vol. I14, pp. 531 and 593, vol. K21, p. 226.

417. MOTHER REFORMED UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1855--, 1206 French St. Wilmington.

Organized and incorporated November 15, 1858 as the Union Church of Wilmington. Services were held for some years in the home of Hannah M. Benton, 13th and Tatnall Sts. In 1867 the present building was opened and dedicated, the congregation at that time joining the Union American Methodist Episcopal denomination and incorporating under that name. It withdrew with several others in 1935 to form the present organization. Church is two story brick building with Gothic style windows. First settled clergyman, Peter Manlove, 1855-56; educated in the Wilmington Public Schools. He was born a slave.

Minutes, 1929--, 2 vols.; in possession of Bertha Coston, 12th and Poplar Sts. Register, 1929--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rt. Rev. Daniel B. Ennis, 1033 Poplar St. Financial, 1929 3 vols.; in possession of Lester Gladys Furrown, 1317 French St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. V6, p. 26; vol. X6, p. 96; vol. B8, pp. 174 and 319; vol. S8, p. 205; vol. R16, pp. 415 and 436; vol. C17, p. 267; vol. B30, p. 588.

African Methodist Episcopal Zion

This denomination was organized June 21, 1621 by a group of colored churches belonging to the Methodist Episcopal conference. Their doctrine is entirely in accord with that church, the separation having been due to their desire to have ordained ministers of their own race. Zion Church in New York City (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of New York), organized in 1796 under the leadership of James Varick, was chiefly responsible for the formation of this denomination. Rev. James Varick was elected the first bishop by the first general conference in 1822.

Quadrennial general conferences are held, the present general secretary being Rev. H. C. Weeden, 424 S. 8th St., Louisville, Ky. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Kentucky). Annual district conferences are also held, the Delaware churches being under Bishop C. C. Alleyne, 506 7th Ave. North Helham, N. Y. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of New York).

418. ST. JOHN'S AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH, 1870--, 7 miles S. of Laurel.

Organized 1870. Services held in a one story frame structure, about fifty yards north of present church. Present building dedicated 1902. A one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1902--, 1 vol.; in possession of Thomas G. West, R.F.D. Register, 1902--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor Rev. John Washington, Delmar. Financial, 1915--, 1 vol.; in possession of Sandar Truitt, R. F. D. Sunday School, 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of Raymond West, R.F.D. Record of deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BS92, p. 191.

419. GRACE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH, 1877--, 306-10 e. 7TH St., Wilmington.

Organized 1877 as the Plymouth African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Incorporated 1878. Services held in two story brick church at 2nd and Washington Sts., 1877-79. Occupied various rented rooms until 1907, when the congregation moved into a two story brick church at 224 West St. , which had previously been the property of St. Luke's Reformed Episcopal Church (entry 573). In 1920 the present building, which had formerly been occupied by the First Methodist Protestant Church (entry 448) was opened and dedicated. Brick building. Colonial style. First settled clergyman, Rev. R. P. Johnson, 1877-79.

Minutes, 1931--, 3 vols.; Register, 1932--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1931--, 3 vols.; in possession of church clerk, Lilian V. Parker, 1230 Wilson St. Sunday School, 1932--, 2 vols.; in possession of secretary, Robert Ames, 1106 Chippey St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. E11, p. 347; vol. O17, p. 524, vol. Q17, p. 343; vol. E21, p. 261; vol. H36, p. 224.

420. ST. DANIEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH, 1917--, 235 Delamore Pl., Wilmington.

Organized 1917. Incorporated 1921. Present church opened and dedicated May 29, 1917. Plain two story brick building, remodeled residence. First settled clergyman, Rev. A. D. Duncan, 1917--, 1 vol.; educated at Lincoln University, Chester County, Pa. Minutes, 1917--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1917--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. William Jervey, 831 Bennett St. Sunday School, 1917--, 1 vol.; in possession of Sunday school secretary, Mrs. Jockelt, 3803 Conrad St. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. G30, p. 600; vol. I30, p. 490.

Colored Methodist Episcopal

The Colored Methodist Episcopal Church was organized by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Shortly after the Civil War. In their General Conference of 1866 it was decided to allow holding of separate annual conferences of the colored churches with a view to later organizing a separate general conference. The denomination was set up as an autonomous body on December 16, 1870, at Jackson, Tennessee, at which time two Bishops were elected. Its organization and doctrine parallel that of the parent body. Delaware churches of this denomination pertain to the Washington-Philadelphia Conference which is part of the General Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, 14 ½ Auburn Ave., R.B., Atlanta, Ga. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Georgia).

421. MT. VERNON COLORED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1914--, 1101 duPont St., Wilmington.

Organized 1914 holding services in present building, a plain stucco structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. John L. Parker, 1914-30. Minutes, 1914--, 1 vol.; Register, 1914--, 2 vols.; in possession of Miss Emma Brewlon, 801 duPont St. Financial, 1914--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Herbert C. Vaughn, 1608 W. 5th St. Sunday School, 1914--, 1 vol.; in church in custody of Sunday school secretary, Mrs. Clara C. Vaughn, 1608 W. 5th St.

422. ST. PHILLIPS COLORED METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1930--, 410 Spruce St., Wilmington. (defunct).

Organized 1930 by an unemployed farmer from Alabama. Services were held in a residence at Peach and Claymont Sts. until 1933 when they moved to 1004 ½ A St. Moved to present rented quarters in August, 1938. First settled clergyman, Rev. George W. Hightower, 1930--. Minutes, 1930--, 1 vol.; Register, 1930--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1930--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1932--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. George W. Hightower, 410 Spruce St.

XXIV. METHODIST PROTESTANT

The Methodist Protestant church differs from the Methodist Episcopal in organization rather than in doctrine, having neither bishops nor presiding elders.

There are both white and colored conferences in Delaware. The two are unrelated, having separate National organizations and being of separate origin.

The colored Methodist Protestants were the first to withdraw from the Methodist Episcopal Church, forming their own organization in 1813. This is now the African Union Methodist Protestant Church (entry 423) with headquarters in Wilmington.

Fifteen years later a number of independent white Methodist churches, composed largely of individuals who had withdrawn from the Methodist Episcopal Church, created a provisional organization under the name of the Associated Methodist Churches. Two years later this became the Methodist Protestant Church.

Both groups withdrew for substantially the same reason, dissatisfaction with ecclesiastical rule and lack of lay representation in the conferences of the church.

African Union Methodist Protestant

This denomination originated in one of the local churches and for many years the church and the denomination bore the same name. As their early records have not been found it has been difficult to determine when other churches became associated with it or which records in the County Recorder's office pertain to the church and which to the denomination. All such doubtful records have been listed under the individual church since it was the first organize.

423. AFRICAN UNION FIRST COLORED METHODIST PROTWSTANT CHURCH, 1813-- , 702 Poplar St., Wilmington.

Organized 1813 under the leadership of Rev. Peter Spencer and William Anderson. It is one of the oldest associations of colored churches in this country. In December o 1812, desiring a church completely independent of the white race, a group of members withdrew from the Ezion Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 348), and organized the Union Church of African Members, which was incorporated July 21, 1813 (entry 424). Other nearby colored congregations for similar reasons joined with them and in 1814 the first annual conference was held.

A total of thirty-one churches were members of the conference by 1850, but after the death of Peter Spencer in 1843, there was some dispute as to his successor and legal controversy with respect to the church property. This culminated in the withdrawal of thirty members in 1851. These formed the Union American Methodist Episcopal denomination (see entries 406-14 and the Reformed Union American Methodist Episcopal Church, entries 415-17. However other congregations united with the mother church and by 1866 there were eight members of the conference.

In the meantime the First Colored Methodist Protestant Church had been organized in Baltimore (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland), withdrawing from the African Methodist Episcopal conference in June 1850. Within fifteen years a total of fourteen congregations were members of the conference organized by this church.

In November 1865 arrangements were made to unite the two organizations and on August 25th of the following year the first general conference assembled. Regional conferences were held until 1933, since which time they have been consolidated into a single annual conference. A general conference is held quadrennially. See: Discipline of the African Union Church in the United States of America and elsewhere (Wilmington, Porter and Eckel, 1852, 120 pp.); Doctrine and Discipline of the African Union First Colored Methodist Protestant Church (Wilmington, Eckel, 1867 132 pp.; later edition, Charles H. Gray, 1927, 175 pp.); Mrs. A. D. Nelson, "Big Quarterly in Wilmington", 1932, 9 pp., manuscript in possession of Wilmington Institute Free Library. Minutes of Annual Sessions (including Financial), 1872--, 22 printed vols. (series incomplete), in possession of statistician, Rev. C. N. Walker, 413 Jefferson Ave., Towson, Md.

424. MOTHER AFRICAN UNION FIRST COLORED METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1813--, 819 French St., Wilmington.

Organized and incorporated July 21, 1813 as the Union Church of African Members. Congregation consisted of those who had separated from Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 200) in 1805 but who did not want their church governed by the mother church in whose councils they had no voice. They were led by Peter Spencer, a preacher of their own race and a man of unusual ability. A small frame building called "Pigeon House" was bought and moved to the present site. This served until 1827 when it was replaced by a larger frame building. The churchyard was used as a cemetery until becoming overcrowded the General Assembly passed a law, February 12, 1861, prohibited further interments (Del. Laws, vol. 12; chap. 28). Adjoining property was purchased August 30, 1837 for a parsonage. The church was enlarged in 1842 and in 1877 was replaced by the present church, a two story brick building with gallery and stained glass memorial windows. Quarterly conferences were held alternately in different nearby churches. The conference in this church held on the last Sunday of August of each year came to be known as "Big Quarterly". Being held at a season when weather and harvesting schedules were propitious, it not only survived the other quarterly conferences but grew until it is now an important element in the religious life of the colored people of this entire section. Colored churches and their congregations of all denominations celebrate "Big Quarterly" and thousands of colored people, some from great distances, congregate in Wilmington on that day. First settled clergyman, Rev. Peter Spencer, 1813-43. He lies buried behind the pulpit of the church he founded. See: Jonathan Chippey, Historical Sketch on the One Hundred Twenty-third Anniversary (Wilmington, News-Journal Co., 1928).

Minutes, 1862--, 2 vols.; Register, 1927--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1927--, 2 vols.; in possession of Rev. John H. Bell, 817 French St. Financial, 1927--, 2 vols.; in possession of Willard Russell, 1031 Lombard St. Deed, 1813, in vault of Delaware Trust Co., in custody of Layman J. Redden. Copy of tombstone inscriptions in churchyard, prepared by the Historical Records Survey 1938, in State Archives. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. L3, p. 531; vol. M3, p. 470; vol. N3, p. 8; vol. C5, p. 276; vol. Q7, p. 262; vol. O9, p. 263; vol. Z10, p. 269; vol. Q13, p. 469; vol. H16, p. 231; vol. H18, p. 287; vol. Q18, p. 95; vol. F20, p. 503; vol. O20, p. 271; vol. P21, p. 529; vol. B25, pp. 466 and 471; vol. G25, p. 439; Del. Laws, vol. 12; chap. 28.

425. STAR OF BETHLEHEM AFRICAN UNION METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1805-- , 218 James St., Newport.

Organized about 1805 as a Methodist Episcopal church. Informal services held in private homes until church was built on present site shortly thereafter. Present church opened and dedicated in 1892. Incorporated August 8, 1893. One story frame building with tower and bell. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes (including Financial), 1892-- , 5 vols.; in possession of Harvey Knotts, Landenberg Junction Rd., Homestead. Register, 1927-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Rev. James H. Bishop, 220 James St. Sunday School, 1937-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Clara Pierce. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Y8, p. 241; vol. G9, p. 380; vol. E16, p. 600.

426. ST. THOMAS' AFRICAN UNION METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1827-- , ½ mile SW of Glasgow.

Organized 1827, services being held in private homes until 1836 when a log church was built on a quarter acre of land deeded to the trustees by Eldad Lore and his wife, Priscilla, on February 5, 1836. This was used until the present church was opened and dedicated June 16, 1878. One story plain frame building. The old log church still stands. Churchyard has been used as a burial ground. The oldest tombstone found bears the date 1859. First settled pastor, Rev. Alfred Congo, 1867-68. Present pastor, Rev. John C. Dennison, New London Ave., Newark.

Register, 1891-- , 1 vol.; in possession of church clerk. Original deeds, 1877 and 1897, and mortgage 1879; in possession of William Grinnage, R.F.D., Elkton, Md. Records of deeds and mortgage: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. X4, p. 107; vol. Y4, p. 170; vol. Y12, p. 457; vol. M17, p. 588; Mortgage Record; vol. M4, p. 357.

427. ST. JOHN'S AFRICAN UNION METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1850-- , 79 New London Ave., Newark.

Organized in 1850 by twelve men from Glasgow. Incorporated 1890. A log cabin on present site was used until 1867 when the present church was erected. Building was not dedicated until 1885. It was remodeled in 1916. It is a one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Empson Emory, 1867-85.

Minutes, (including register), 1867-1927, 3 vols.; Financial, 1850-- , 2 vols.; Sunday School, 1867-- , 1 vol.; in possession of David W. Boyles, 16 ½ Ray St. Minutes (including register), 1927-- , 9 vols.; in possession of Mrs. Williams, 62 New London Ave. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. E6, p. 101; vol. G15, pp. 160, and 178; vol. I17, p. 371.

428. ST. PAUL'S AFRICAN UNION METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1856-- , 1201 Apple St., Wilmington.

Organized 1856. Incorporated 1925. Until 1924 services were held in a one story frame building at A and Townsend Sts. Present building dedicated 1924. A one story frame building. First settled clergyman, Rev. Charles Walker, 1856-60.

Minutes, 1904-- , 1 vol.; Register, 1904-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Lettie Blake, 804 Bennett St. Financial 1918-- , 2 vols.; in possession of Levi Jones, Pyle's Lane Hamilton Park. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. C10, p. 235; vol. V33, p. 319; vol. B34, p. 109.

429. ST. JAMES AFRICAN UNION METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1868--, 16TH and Claymont Sts.

Organized 1868. Services were held in the home of one of the organizers until 1869 when a one story frame building was erected on the present site. This was used until 1884 when the present church was dedicated. A one story frame building remodeled 1907. See: Florence E. Waters, The History of St. James A.U.M.P. Church (Wilmington, privately printed 1931. Minutes, 1868--, 8 vols.; Register, 1868--, 8 vols.; Financial, 1868--, 6 vols.; Sunday School, 1890--, 8 vols.; Home Mite Missionary Society, 1920 4 vols.; in church office. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol.M16, p. 291; vol. N18, p. 483; vol. Q18, p. 95.

430. OLD ST. PETER'S AFRICAN METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1875--, 2700 W. 4th St., Wilmington.

Organized 1875 under the sponsorship of the Mother African Union Church (entry 424). Incorporated September 25, 1919. Services were held in a one story brick building, situated in a graveyard on Union St., between 2nd and 3rd Sts. until 1921. The building by then had become too dilapidated for further use and the congregation split into two groups, one forming St. Peter's Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 380). Those remaining were without a permanent place of worship until 1926 when the present building was dedicated. A one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev Joylor Peterson, tenure unknown. Minutes, 1926--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1926--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1926--, 1 vol.; in possession of Millard Bristo, 1619 W. 3rd St. Register, 1926--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Henry Waites, 1623 W. 3rd St. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. C29, p. 548; vol. I29, p. 153.

431. CHIPPEY AFRICAN UNION METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1886--, Hockessin,

Organized 1886 as a mission of the Mother African Union Church (entry 424). Incorporated 1897. Present building was dedicated in 1896. It is a one story frame building with bell above the entrance. First settled clergyman, Rev. Edward Chippey, 1896-99. Minutes, 1896--, 1 vol.; Register, 1896--, 5 vols.; Financial, 1896--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1896--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. George C. Collins. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Q13, p. 469; vol. G17, pp. 342 and 401; vol. S17, p. 563; vol. W33, p. 327.

432. MT. ZION AFRICAN UNION METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1890--, West St., Wilmington.

Organized and incorporated June 24, 1890 as Murray's African Union Methodist Protestant Church. Built one story brick church shortly thereafter at 130 Logan St. Reincorporated under present name July 15, 1892. Building was destroyed by fire in 1936. Services were then held in a rented room at 423 W. Front St. until May, 1937 when they moved to the present quarters, a rented room. First settled clergyman, Rev. Peter Brockins, 1904-07.

Minutes, 1930--, 2 vols.; Register, 1930--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1930--, 2 vols.; in possession of Blanche Parker, 617 W. Front St. Register 1904-30, 2 vols.; in possession of Mary Dykes, 814 Locust St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. A15, p. 552; vol. B15, p. 578; vol. Y15, p. 404; vol. C20, pp. 364, 374, and 376.

433. MT PISGAH AFRICAN UNION METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1903--, Lord and Spruce Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1903 as a mission of Mother African Union Church (entry 424). Services were held in various rented rooms until 1931 when the present rented quarters were opened. The organization is still regarded as a mission. First settled clergyman, Rev. William Richardson, 1903-05. Minutes, 1932--, 1 vol.; Register, 1932--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1903--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1932--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Wilbert H. Bell, 2 W. 5th St.

Methodist Protestant-Maryland Conference

All Methodist Protestant churches in Delaware, whose communications are members of the white race, pertain to the Maryland Conference. Headquarters of this conference as well as of the General Conference, held quadrennially, are at 516 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland).

Efforts are now being made to re-unite this organization with the Methodist Episcopal Church (see Section XXIII) and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The factors causing the original separations have disappeared and a "Uniting Conference" is to be held in the near future. The three may therefore soon be merged into a single organization.

434. DELAWARE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1921--,

Quarterly conferences have been held by the Methodist Protestant churches of Delaware since 1921. The present secretary of this conference is Raymond Reynolds, 10 W. 20th St., Wilmington. Minutes (including all records), 1921--, 1 vol.; loose-leaf; in possession of pastor of the First Methodist Protestant Church, Rev. Walter H. Stone, 224 W. 36th St. Wilmington.

435. PORTSVILLE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1830--, Portsville.

Organized 1830 and called "the Portsville Chapel and Academy", later known as Mount Lebanon. Name changed to the present form prior to 1869 as shown by deed bearing that date. Services were held in a one story frame building situated one-half mile west of present church, 1832-68. Land donated by James W. Phillips. Present church dedicated 1868. Rebuilt, 1920 and 1935. A one story frame structure with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, unknown. Minutes, 1920--, 1 vol.; Register, 1920--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1920--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. H. Carroll Burkins, Central Ave., Laurel. Sunday School, 1935--, 5 vols. (one for each class); in possession of May Phillips, R. F. D., Laurel. Record of deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AV44, p. 313; vol. BM86, p. 127; vol. BBC102, p. 112.

436. CHRIST METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1831--, Laurel.

Organized 1831. Incorporated in 1843. Services were held in a two story

Frame building on present site until 1911. Present building dedicated 1912. A one story stone structure with belfry and bell. Gothic style. First settled clergyman, Rev. T. Pearson, 1831-34; educated at Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md.

Minutes, 1831--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of Harvey M. Phillips, 804 West St. Register, 1831--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. H. Carroll Burkins, Central Ave. Sunday School, 1930--, 1 vol.; in church safe. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AAC51, p. 326; vol. AAF54, p. 32; vol. BD77, p. 128; vol. BU94, p. 115; vol. BBB101, p. 110; vol. BBH107, p. 121; vol. CCI134, p. 483; vol. DDYY177, p. 56; vol. DEA179, p. 588; vol. DIP298, p. 494; Incorporation Record; vol. A1, p. 390.

437. BETHEL METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1838--, Andrews ville.

Organized 1838, being the first Methodist Protestant Church in Kent County. Services were held in one story frame church on site adjacent to present church. Rebuilt in 1871. Present building opened and dedicated in 1905. One story frame structure with stained glass windows. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1905--, 1 vol.; Register, 1880--, 3 vols.; in possession of present pastor, Rev. James Melvin Kay, Greenwood. Financial, 1905--, 1 vol.; in possession of Rev. Gilbert E. Turner, Harrington. Financial, 1905--, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, Mrs. Walter Paskey, Jr. Sunday School, 1905--, 1 vol.; in possession of superintendent, Norman Butler. Ladies' Aid Society, 1933--, 1 vol.; in possession of Frank Taylor.

438. SALEM METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1842-1927 (defunct), Blackbird to Thomas' Corner Rd., near Thomas' Corner.

Organized and building dedicated 1842. Building was remodeled in 1857. It is a plain story frame building. Defunct since 1927. First settled clergyman, Rev. W. Madden, 1842-45.

Records destroyed with consent of synod. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. F6, p. 529; vol. S13, p. 598; vol. R23, pp. 175 and 292.

439. BEAVER DAM METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1844--, Harbeson.

Organized 1844. Services held in private homes a short time previous to 1844 when a one story frame structure was erected near the present site. In 1885 additional land was donated by Harbeson Hickman, and a one story frame structure was erected. This was moved across the road to the present location and rebuilt in 1927. Sunday school room added, also a pulpit and choir loft.

Dedicated the same year. First settled clergyman, Rev. F. S. Cain, 1897-98. See: historical sketch of church, (author and date unknown), manuscript, in possession of Mrs. Harry Rust, Harbeson.

Minutes, 1934--, 1 vol.; in possession of Margaret Wilson, Lewes. Register, 1885-1907, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. J. P. George. Financial, 1920--, 1 vol.; in possession of Lawrence Mason. Sunday School, 1885--, 4 vols.; in possession of George Rust. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBD103, pp. 64 and 65; vol. CCA126, pp. 46 and 79.

440. MOUNT OLIVER METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1847--, High St., Seaford.

Organized and incorporated February 13, 1847. Originally it was part of

Sussex Circuit; changed to Seaford in 1877. Present building was dedicated in 1897. It a brick structure with a tower and bell. There are several memorial tablets in the auditorium. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. M. Elderdice, 1871-72. See: Rev. J. M Elderdice, historical sketch, in register (1897).

Minutes, 1897--, 1 vol.; in possession of A. J. Lank. Register, 1968--, 3 vols.; in possession of Rev. Dr. Edward E. Coleman. Financial, 1897--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Charles Wheatley, Pine St. Sunday School, 1932--, 12 vols.; in church office. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AAE53, p. 508; vol. AAR65, p. 251; vol. AAW70, p. 389.

441. GETHSEMANE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1851--, Reliance.

Organized 1851. First services were held in a one story frame building on present site. In 1872 this building was torn down and a two story frame building was erected. Second floor was used as a Masonic lodge room. This was used until 1905 when the present building was dedicated. A one story frame building with belfry and bell. Stained glass windows. Gethsemane and Mt. Olivet, Seaford (entry 440), have always been served by the same pastor.

Minutes, 1852--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Ira Tull. Register, 1852--, 2 vols.; in possession of Rev. Edward E. Coleman, Seaford. Financial, 1925--, 1 vol.; in possession of A. H. Smith. Sunday School, 925--, 1 vol.; in church office. Records of incorporation and deed; Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AAL59, p. 491; vol. DEQ195, p. 413.

442. MILTON METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1857--, Union St., Milton.

Organized and present building dedicated in 1857. It was rebuilt in 1906. It is a one story frame structure with tower and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Thomas Moore, 1857-59. See: George R. Davidson, a church history (1926) manuscript in author's possession.

Minutes, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of Charles T. Vent. Register, 1874--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Gilbert Ross. Financial, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of Clyde Betts. Sunday School, 1919--, 1 vol.; in church. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AAQ64, p. 355; vol. BT93, p. 352; vol. BBZ125, p. 497; vol. CCQ142, p.46.

443. PROVIDENCE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1861--, 4 1/2 miles S. of Georgetown.

Organized in 1861. Originally known as Piney Grove Church. Services were held in the schoolhouse until 1886 when present building was dedicated. It is a one story frame building. First settled clergyman, Rev. Isaac T. Atkins, 1861-65; educated at Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md.

Minutes, 1924--, 1 vol.; Register, 1924--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. W. T. Archer, Dagsboro. Register, 1876-1924, 2 vols.; in possession of Rev. Lee Elliott, Laurel. Financial, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of treasurer, Otha J. Pepper, R. F. D., Georgetown. Sunday School, 1900--, 1 vol.; in church safe. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BP89, p. 198.

444. ST. PAUL'S METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1864--, near Laurel.

Organized 1864. Frame building. Sunday School services were discontinued

in 1925. First settled clergyman, Rev. Henry Clay, tenure unknown.

Minutes, 1864--, 1 vol.; Register, 1864--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Lee Elliott, Laurel.

Financial, 1864--, 2 vols.; Sunday School, 1893-19925, 1 vol.; kept in church.

445. TRINITY METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1866--, 6 1/2 miles E. of Laurel.

Organized 1866. Services were held in the schoolhouse until 1873 when present building was dedicated. It was rebuilt in 1907. It is a one story frame building. First settled clergyman, Rev. William D. Litsinger, 1871-74; educated at Western Maryland College and Seminary, Westminster, Md. Minutes, 1928--, 1 vol. Financial, 1928--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mr. L. B. Brittingham, R. F. D., Laurel. Register, 1873--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Lee Elliott. Sunday School, 1925--, 1 vol.; in church. Record of incorporation: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBH107, p. 365.

446. REYNOLD'S METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1869--, 2 miles NW of Milton.

Organized and incorporated October 9, 1869. First church, a one story frame building, destroyed by fire on day of dedication. Present building dedicated 1871. A one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. A. D. Melvin, 1870-73; educated at Western Maryland College and Seminary, Westminster, Md.

Minutes, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of Morris Dodd. Register, 1906--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. P.M.R. Schauer, Harbeson. Financial, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of Henry Bennett. Sunday School, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession Helen Donovan. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BF79, p. 497; vol. CCA126, p. 45; vol. DGS249, pp. 593 and 595.

447. MT. HERMON METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1877--, 1/2 mile S. of Columbia.

Organized 1877. Incorporated 1909. Services were held in the schoolhouse until 1880 when the present church was dedicated. It was rebuilt in 1908. A one story frame structure with belfry. First settled clergyman, Rev. John L. Straughn, 1879-84; educated at Western Maryland College and Seminary, Westminster, MD.

Minutes, 1880--, 2 vols.; in possession of A. J. Cooper, R.D.F., Delmar. Register, 1880--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. M. E. Hungerford, Sharpstown, Md. Financial, 1880--, 1 vol.; in possession of Earl Cooper, R.D.F., Delmar. Sunday School, 1936, 1 vol.; in possession of O. Beach, R.D.F., Delmar. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BT93, p. 303; vol. DDQ168, p. 205.

448. FIRST METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1880--, 36th and Washington Sts. Wilmington.

Organized and incorporated January 9, 1880 under the sponsorship of the Methodist Protestant Convention of Baltimore (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland). Services were held in a two story brick building at 7th and Walnut Sts., now the Grace African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (entry 419), until 1930 when the present church was opened and dedicated. Two story stone structure. Gothic style. First settled clergy-

man, Rev. J.G. Sullivan, 1880-81. See: articles in Wilmington Evening Journal, Aug. 18, 1927, Mar. 31, 1930, Oct. 10, 1930.

Minutes, 1921--, 2 vols.; Register, (baptisms), 1905--, (marriages, members, deaths), 1907--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1930--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1914--, 1 vol.; in church office. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Q11, p. 165; vol. S11, p. 431; vol. N13, p. 30; vol. F29, p. 546; vol. A30, p. 445; vol. Y34, p. 153; vol. T39, p. 163.

449. GREENWOOD METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1880--, Main St., Greenwood.

Organized and first building erected in 1880. It was a frame structure and was used until 1902. The following year the present church was dedicated and parsonage built. The latter is the property of the Parsonage of the Greenwood Circuit; a corporation was formed at that time. Church is a one story frame structure with a bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. H. S. Johnson, 1891-92.

Minutes, 1890--, 2 vols.; in possession of Mr. E. V. Ocheltree. Register, 1880--, 5 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. James Melvin Kay. Financial, 1880--, 1 vol.; in possession of W. S. Lord. Sunday School, 1880--, 2 vols.; in church. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BV95, p. 484; vol. BBZ125, p. 4; vol. CCW148, p. 386; Incorporation Record; vol. A1, p. 353;

450. HARRINGTON METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1880--, Mispillion and Commerce Sts., Harrington. Now Trinity Methodist Church.

Organized 1880, holding services in private homes until first church was opened and dedicated August 19, 1881. Frame building. Present church built on same site in 1904. One story brick building with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. E. Nicholson, 1880-81; educated at Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Md.

Minutes, 1880--, 1 vol.; Register, 1880--, 2 vols.; in possession of Rev. Gilbert Turner. Financial, 1933--, 1 vol.; (destroyed after three years); in possession of Benjamin Knox. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol. for each class (destroyed after three years); in possession of superintendent, Marion Collins. Transcript of register, 1880-1914, in State Archives. Records of incorporation and deed: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. L6, p. 415; vol. I8, p. 106.

451. SHILOH METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1880--, near Laurel.

Organized 1880, at which time the present building was opened and dedicated. Incorporated June 19, 1887. A one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. L. Leillah, tenure unknown.

Minutes, 1880--, 2 vols.; Register, 1880--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Lee Elliott. Financial, 1880--, 1 vol.; in possession of Elwood Chipman. Sunday School, 1880--, 1 vol.; in church office. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBC102, p. 269; vol. BBG106, p.436.

452. INDIAN MISSION METRHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1881--, Highway 5, Fairmount.

Organized and first church built in 1881. It was a one story frame build-

ing called Johnson's and was used until present building was dedicated in 1921. Present structure is a one story frame with belfry, bell, and stained glass windows. First settled clergyman, unknown. Minutes, 1921--, 2 vols.; in possession of Lincoln Harmon, R.F.D., Millsboro. Register, 1921--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Gilbert Ross, Milton. Sunday School, 1921--, 1 vol.; in church.

453. HEBRON METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1888--, Bridgeville Rd., Georgetown.

Organized 1888 at which time present church was built. It was first a charge of Milton, then of Georgetown, then of Cannon. It was a charge of Dagsboro for one year previous to closing in June 1934. Reopened in October 1935 and since has been served by minister from Georgetown. One story frame building. First settled clergyman, Rev. Franklin H. Mullineaux, 1888-89. Register (including financial and all records), 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Russell W. Sapp, Market and King Sts. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBM112, pp. 203 and 204.

454. MT OLIVE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1889--, State St., Delmar.

Organized 1889 as Bethesda Methodist Protestant Church. Services were held in a hall until 1891 when first church was erected. It was a one story frame building. Present church was dedicated in 1893. Name changed to Delmar Methodist Church in 1897. Present name adopted sometime prior to 1918. Church was remodeled in 1933. It is a one story brick veneered frame building with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. A. Wright, 1893-97; educated at Western Maryland College and Seminary, Westminster, Md. Minutes, 1889--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1889--, 1 vol.; in possession of treasurer, Ernest F. Williams. Register, 1899--, 3 vols.; in possession of Rev. Walter A. Donaway, 2nd and Chestnut Sts. Sunday School, 1921--, 1 vol.; in possession of Sunday school secretary, Hazel Tinley. Deed and Charter, 1899, in vault of Bank of Delmar. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBR117, p. 156; vol. BBY124, p. 515; vol. DFG211, p. 373; vol. DHV278, p. 173.

455. DAGSBORO METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1890--, Main St., Dagsboro.

Organized and building dedicated 1890. Originally called Vines Neck Methodist Protestant Church. Services were held in private homes for a few month until the church was erected. In 1907 the church was moved from its location, one and one-half miles outside Dagsboro., to its present site and rebuilt. A one story frame structure with belfry. First settled clergyman, Rev. A. Betts, 1890-95. Minutes, 1907--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mr. Ray Steelman. Register, 1907--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. W. T. Archer. Financial, 1907--, 1 vol.; in possession of George Baker. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; in church safe. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. CCI134, p. 340; vol. DEO193, p. 394.

456. DOVER METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1890--, Governor's Ave., Dover

Organized 1890, services being held in school building. This later became a part of the present church, which was opened and dedicated in 1893. Rebuilt

in 1935. One story stucco building with two story parsonage attached. First settled clergyman, Rev. Frank Holland, 1893-94; educated at Western Maryland College and Seminary, Westminster, Md. Minutes, 1890--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1890--, 1 vol.; in possession of president of Board of trustees. Register, 1890--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor Rev. Lewis E. Haddaway. Sunday School, 1890--, in possession of superintendent, Edward Cassens. Deed and Charter, 1890, in vault of Delaware Trust Co. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. L7, p. 452; vol. M7, p. 421; vol. A12, p. 280.

457. GEORGETOWN METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1891--, SE Cor. Market and King Sts., Georgetown.

Organized and incorporated June 27, 1891. First building erected the same year. Burned in 1909. Second building burned in 1927. Present building was dedicated in 1928. It is a one story brick structure with a belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. L. A. Bennett, 1891-94; educated at Western Maryland College and Seminary, Westminster, Md. See: Oscar Wilson, History of Georgetown Methodist Protestant Church, (Baltimore, Methodist Protestant Board of Publication); Oscar Wilson, an historical sketch, manuscript in possession of author, 1934. Minutes, 1934--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1935--, annual reports; in possession of Mr. John I. Short. Register, 1898--, 5 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Russell W. Sapp, Market and King Sts. Sunday School, 1935--, individual class records in church. Transcript of register, 1898-1916, in State Archives. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBO114, p. 373; vol. BBP115, p. 289; vol. CCU146, p. 248; vol. DDF157, p. 7; vol. DEO193, p. 462.

458. CENTRAL METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1895-1934 (defunct), 3 1/2 miles SW of Milford.

Organized and building dedicated in 1895. It is a one story frame building. Defunct since 1934. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. G. Stranghan, 1895-97; educated at Western Maryland College and Seminary, Westminster, Md. Minutes, 1895-1934, 1 vol.; Financial, 1895-1934, 1 vol.; in possession of Robert Harding. Register, 1895-1934, 1 vol.; in possession of former pastor, Rev. John T. Bailey.

459. HORSEY GROVE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1895--, 3 1/2 miles SW. of Laurel

Organized 1895 as a result of services held in private homes. Present church dedicated 1895. A one story frame structure with steeple and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. C. M. Cullum, 1895-96; educated at Western Maryland College and Seminary, Westminster, Md. Minutes, 1895--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1924--, 1 vol.; in possession of John D. Collins. Register, 1895--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Lee Elliott. Sunday School, 1916--, 1 vol.; in church, Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. CCE130, p. 324; vol. DEB180, p. 482.

460. MILLVILLE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1895-1916 (defunct), State Highway between Clarksville and Millville.

Organized 1895. Services were held in a rental hall, 1895-97. Congrega-

tion incorporated and present building dedicated in 1897. It is a one story frame building with a cornerstone. Church became defunct in 1916. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. McLain Brown, 1895-97; educated at Western Maryland College and Seminary, Westminster, Md.

Record of incorporation: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. CCI134, p. 340.

461. FAITH METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1898-1936 (defunct), ½ mile NW of Redden.

Organized and building dedicated in 1898. It is a one story frame building. Church defunct since 1936. First settled clergyman, Rev. G. Edwin Brown, 1898-1900.

Minutes, 1898-1936, 1 vol.; Financial, 1935-36, 1 vol.; in possession of Rev. Virgil J. Littleton, Georgetown. Register, 1898-1936, 2 vols.; in possession of Rev. W. T. Archer, Dagsboro. Sunday School, 1935-36, 1 vol.; in church safe. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. CCG132, p. 480; vol. CCK136, p. 361.

462. OAKLEY METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1900-31 (defunct), Oakley.

Organized and building dedicated 1900. It is a one story frame building with bell. Defunct since 1931. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1900-31, 1 vol.; Register, 1900-31, 2 vols.; Financial, 1900-31, 1 vol.; in possession of Rev. James Melvin Kay, Greenwood. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. CCP141, p.71; vol. DHD260, p. 240.

463. CANNON METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1902--, Cannon.

Organized 1902. Services were held in a one story frame structure on the present site. Present building was dedicated in 1925. It is a one story concrete block structure, with tower and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Samuel F. Cassen, 1902-03.

Minutes, 1902--, 3 vols.; Register, 1902--, 3 vols.; in possession of Rev. James Melvin Kay, Greenwood. Records of deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. CCS144, p. 362; vol. DGO245, p. 117.

464. GROOM'S MEMORIAL METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1906--, State St., Lewes.

Organized 1906 as a result of informal services held in private homes and public halls. First church, a rough tabernacle, was used until 1908 when the present building was dedicated. A one story frame structure, clapboard faced. Basement added 1934. First settled clergyman, Rev. W. W. Johnson, 1908-13.

Minutes, 1907--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1907--, 1 vol.; Sunday School.; 1907--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Lillie Baker. Register, 1907--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. P. M. R. Schauer, Harbeson. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DDA152, p. 45; vol. DDJ161, p. 303; vol. DDM164, pp. 351 and 358; vol. DDN165, p. 161; Incorporation Record; vol. B2, p. 18.

465. FIRST METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1910--, E. Front St., Milford.

Organized in 1910. Incorporated February 9, 1911. Services were first

held in a tent, then in a small tabernacle. In 1912 the present building was dedicated. It is a single story cement block structure with a belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. L. A. Bennett, 1910-16; educated at Western Maryland College and Seminary, Westminster, Md. See: Rev. J. F. Bryan, History of the Church, (Milford, Chronicle Publishing Co., 1926).

Minutes, 1910--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1912--, 1 vol.; in possession of treasurer, Fulton Downing. Register, 1910--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John T. Bailey. Sunday School, 1912--, 1 vol.; in possession of Clarence Davis. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DDY176, p. 316; vol. DFF210, p. 475; vol. DIA283, p. 218.

466. PENINSULA METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1920--, 20TH and Washington Sts., Wilmington.

Organized and incorporated October 18, 1920 by the Maryland Methodist Protestant Conference (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland), holding services in the Knights of Pythias' Hall, 906 West St. until 1921 when they moved to the Junior Order of United American Mechanics Hall, 900 Washington St. In 1922 present church was opened and dedicated. Two story stone structure. Gothic style, stained glass windows. Altar rail is a memorial to Christ Methodist Protestant Church of Baltimore, Md. First settled clergyman, Rev. Leonard B. Smith, 1920-29; educated at Washington College, Chestertown, Md. Western Maryland College and Seminary, Westminster, Md. See article in Wilmington Morning News, Apr. 3, 1922.

Minutes, 1920--, 2 vols.; Minutes of Official Board, 1920--, 1 vol.; Register, 1920--, 2 vols.; Financial and Trustees, 1920--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1920--, 1 vol.; Women's Auxiliary and Christian Endeavor Society, 1920--, 1 vol.; in church office. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Y29, p. 474; vol. Z29, p. 574; vol. I33, p. 95; vol. W38, p. 442.

XXV. WESLEYAN METHODIST

This denomination was organized in the early 1840's by members of the Methodist Church who felt that the Church should take a firm stand against slavery. It has but two churches in Delaware, both of recent origin. They are members of the Middle Atlantic States Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, 330 E. Onodaga St., Syracuse, N. Y. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of New York).

467. JERMAN CHAPEL WESLEYAN METHODIST, 1931--, W. Commerce St., Smyrna.

Organized 1931. Services were held in a tent until October 16, 1931 when they dedicated the present church. Building is rented from Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 216) who occupied it as a mission for many years. Remained closed from about 1919 until rented by the present congregation. It is said to have been presented to them by Noble T. Jerman, for whom it has been named. One story plain frame structure with stained glass windows, belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. William W. Henry, 1932-36.

Minutes, 1932-37, 1 bound vol., 1937--, 2 memorandum books; register 1932-37, 1 bound vol., 1937--, 2 memorandum books; in possession of W. Cloud. Financial, 1932--, 1 spiral memorandum books; in possession of secretary of the Ladies's Aid Society. Sunday School, 1932--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Hilda Clough.

468. FIRST WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, 1937--, W. 8th St. and Bancroft Pkwy., Wilmington.

Organized and church dedicated 1937. A one story brick structure with bell. Building formerly occupied by St. Peter's Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 380). First settled clergyman, Rev. Elizabeth E. Savage, 1937--,

Minutes, 1937--, 1 vol.; Register, 1937--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1937--, 1 vol.; in possession of Rev. Elizabeth E. Savage, 2112 W. 8th St. Financial, 1937--, 1 vol.; in possession of Albert Skinner, R.F.D., Colonial Heights.

Early records are missing for following churches.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MISSING RECORD</u>
Bethseda	Canterbury	1780-1909
Hartley	Hartley	1840-1919
Prospect	near Vernon	1834-1887
Willow Grove	Willow Grove	1823-1922 (defunct)
Woodside	Woodside	1889-1932
Lebanon	Bear	1819-1850
Chester Bethel	Brandywine Hundred	1765-1856
Dulaney's	Dulaney's Crossing	1842- ----
St. Paul's	Odessa	1831-1856
Mt. Lebanon	Rockland	1774-1834
Concord	Concord	1804-1902
Delmar	Delmar	1867-1892
Omar	Frankford	1900-1924 (defunct)
St. Johnstown	Greenwood	1779-1880
Mt. Zion	Laurel	1809-1928
Sound	near Selbyville	1784-1877
Line	near Whitesville	1784-1873
Thomas Chapel	west of Dover	1779- ----

XXVI. PENTECOSTAL

The Pentecostal movement, which spread throughout the Southwest during the first decade of the present century, has resulted not only in numerous Pentecostal organizations but in several distinct but related denominations.

Thus many churches pertaining to the Assemblies of God (see Section VI) include the word "Pentecostal" in their names and many Holiness churches (see Section XVIII) refer to themselves as Pentecostal.

Aside from the above there are two denominations of the Pentecostal faith in Delaware, both composed of colored members, and three churches having no National affiliations. Two of the latter are attended by members of the colored race.

Mount Sinai Holy Church of America, Inc.

This denomination was organized in 1925, at which time its first annual convention was held. Its membership is composed entirely of colored churches, the majority of which are located in the Middle Atlantic States. The National body is the Mount Sinai Holy Church of America, Inc., 920 N. 19th St., Philadelphia (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania).

469. TRUE VINE HOLY CHURCH (Colored), 1824--, 14th and Thatcher Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1924 as a mission of Mt. Olive Holy Church of Philadelphia (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania), holding services at 7th and Wilson Sts. and in other rented quarters until 1929 when they occupied the brick church at 224 West St. formerly the Grace African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (entry 419). In 1933 the present building was dedicated. Converted one story brick structure. First settled clergyman, Elder Mary Sabb, 1924--.

Minutes, 1924--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1924--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Elder Mary Sabb, 303 Taylor St. Register, 1924--. Register, 1924--, 4 vols.; in possession of Miss M. Myers, 807 Wilson St. Sunday School, 1924--, 7 vols.; in possession of R. Crowder, 409 E. 9th St. Record of deed; New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. B36, p. 387.

470. GIBBS CHAPEL ST. JOHNS HOLY CHURCH, (Colored), 1929--, Sandfields Woods near Hartly.

Organized 1929. Until 1937 services were held in a one story building on Sandfields to Downs Chapel road. Present building a one story frame structure was formerly a Methodist Episcopal Church called Gibbs Chapel. First settled pastor, Elder Irene Sudler, 1929--.

Minutes (including Sunday School and Financial), 1929, Elder Irene Sudler.

471. LITTLE MOUNT OLIVE HOLY CHURCH, (Colored), 1930--, North & East Sts., Smyrna.

Organized 1930. The church building, a two story frame structure

Previously owned by the Centennial Methodist Episcopal Church (entry 367), was rented by this congregation until they purchased the property in 1937. First settled clergyman, Elder Ancel Manns, 1930--.

Financial, 1930, 1 vol.; in possession of church secretary, Helen Tribbet. No other records kept.

Pentecostal Assemblies of the World

This organization is one of the earlier Pentecostal denominations. It is represented by but one church in Delaware. Regional conferences are held annually and also a general assembly. Headquarters of the latter are 402 W. Fall Creek Blvd., Indianapolis, Ind. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Indiana).

472. FIRST GOSPEL TEMPLE (Colored), 1935--, 726 Bennett St., Wilmington.

Organized 1935, holding services in a store building 202 E. 2nd St. for six months and then in other rented quarters. Moved to present quarters, April 1937. First settled clergyman, Rev. James White, 1935-36.

Minutes, 1935--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of Elder James Thomas, Elsmere. Register, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of Elder James Brown, Arbutus Ave., Buttonwood. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of Elder A. H. Romson, 810 Pine St.

Unaffiliated Pentecostal

The following three churches report that they are autonomous, having no connection with any National Pentecostal organization.

473. GOD'S FULL GOSPEL MISSION, 1909--, SE cor. 4th and Market Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1909 holding services first in a rented hall on 3rd St. between Market and King Sts., and later in other rented quarters. Occupied Old Central Presbyterian Church, 719 King St. (entry 504), from 1922 until 1926 when a rented room was secured on the second floor at 206 Market St. In August 1938 they moved to their present Quarters, occupying the entire second and third floors. First settled clergyman, Rev. Charles M. Thomas, 1909--.

Financial (checkbook Stubs) 1909--, in possession of pastor Rev. Charles M. Thomas, 701 N. Adams St. Sunday School, 1911--, 3 vols.; in possession of Dorothy Cushing, 1300 New Castle Ave.

474. HOLY CHURCH OF GOD (Colored), 1928-36 (defunct), 709 Walnut St., Wilmington.

Organized 1928 holding services in Mt. Enon Church at 422 W. and St. (entry 48), and then in various rented quarters until Nov. 1936, when church became defunct. Incorporated September 13, 1933. First settled clergyman, Rev. W. B. Owens, 1928-36.

Minutes, 1928-36, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Blanche Matthew, 1301 Walnut St. Register, 1928-36 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1928-36, 1 vol.; in possession of Rev. W. B. Owens, 930 Bennett St. Financial,

1928-36, 1 vol.; Young People's Bible Band 1928-35, 1 vol.; in possession of Cornelius Johnson, 605 Christiana St. Record of incorporation: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. T38, p. 574.

475. FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, (Colored), 1931-38 (defunct), 516 Church St., Wilmington.

Organized 1931 holding services at 313 S. Heald St. until 1934 when present building was dedicated. Two story brick building. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. L. Phelmore, 1931-38. Minutes, 1931-38, 1 vol.; Register, 1931-38, 1 vol.; Financial, 1931-38, 1 vol.; in possession of Mary Dawson, 725 Curlett St. Sunday School, 1931-38, 1 vol.; in possession of Mary Frazer, 806 E. 6th St.

XXVII. PRESBYTERIANS

Presbyterians of British or Irish origin no doubt were to be found in Delaware soon after the conquest of this region by the Duke of York in 1664, if not before. With the passing years, more came, and in the first quarter of the eighteenth century Presbyterian migration, especially from the North of Ireland, began to swell to a flood. Presbyterian churches therefore sprang up in various communities as soon as there were enough settlers, the earliest naturally antedating the organization of the first Presbytery.

In most instances the loss of their early records (if any were kept) leaves the exact dates of these groups in doubt. Even the date of the founding of the Presbytery is uncertain, because of the loss of the first leaf of its manuscript minutes; but it was probably in March, certainly not later than December, 1706. Of the seven ministers who, feeling the need of mutual inspiration as well as organization, came together in Philadelphia to form themselves into "The Presbytery", two were associated with congregations in Delaware: John Wilson at New Castle (entry 483), and Samuel Davis at Lewes (entry 482). With the rapid growth of Presbyterianism in the ensuing decade, the Presbytery decided (September, 1716) to divide itself into four subordinate presbyteries, which (as organized in 1717) constituted henceforth "the Synod." One of these subordinate presbyteries was the Presbytery of New Castle (entry 477).

Delaware was thus one of the original centers of organized Presbyterianism in America, and its development within the state parallels that in the country at large. Delaware congregations were decided by both the great schisms in the church, that of "Old Side" and "New Side", 1741-1758, and "Old School" and "New School" 1838-1870. After the reunion of Old School and New School Churches in 1870, all the Presbyterian churches in Delaware belonged to the reunited body, that is, the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. In 1899, a congregation was organized which affiliated with the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

Recently another divisive movement has complicated the affairs of several Delaware congregations, resulting in the withdrawal of certain elements from the Presbyterian Church in The U.S.A. and the formation in 1936 of a new body called (since March, 1939) the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. From this new affiliation two ministers have since withdrawn and organized still another body, the Assembly of the Bible Presbyterian Church. But the congregation of one of these seceding ministers is independent and has no national affiliation; while that of the other has not so far officially withdrawn from the Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

During the Revolutionary War the Presbyterians, both laymen and ministry, were prominently identified with the patriot cause, and several Delaware ministers served in the army. Presbyterian sentiment in Delaware during the Civil War was strongly expressed from New School than from Old School pulpits, but in no case did any Delaware congregation join the "Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States."

Educational opportunities for prospective ministers were lacking in the middle colonies. This finally resulted in the establishment of a Presbyterian school in 1743 at New London, Pa., which was taken over by the Synod the following year, and later moved to Delaware. This was the germ of the present University of Delaware, (entry 499), a state institution. There are at present no schools or educational institutions in Delaware sponsored by the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Record-keeping was not a strong point of the earliest Presbyterian congregations. In 1714 "The Presbytery" at Philadelphia ordered "that in every congregation there be a book of records"; and in 1717 the Presbytery of New Castle required Respective congregations." But none of the extant records go back that far, although some of the later colonial period still survives.

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The headquarters of the General Assembly are in the Witherspoon Bldg. (Walnut and Juniper Sts.), Philadelphia. The Presbyterian Historical Society (now officially called The Department of History of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., at the same address) is custodian of many church records.

476. SYNOD OF DELAWARE, 1834 (defunct).

Organized 1834 by act of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. Included the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, and Wilmington (entry 481) and Lewes (entry 470) Presbyteries. 1. Its only meeting was held in the Second Presbyterian Church of Wilmington (now Hanover, entry 594) in October. (It was dissolved By the General Assembly, Jun, 1835. Action for its dissolution taken in June, actual dissolution effective in October, 1835). 2.

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478. PRESBYTERY OF LONDONDERRY OR SECOND OR NEW SIDE PRESBYTERY OF NEW CASTLE, 1741-1759 (defunct)

Organized June 30, 1741 at White Clay Creek. The Presbytery of New Castle at the time of the Great Schism was divided into "Old Side" and "New Side" groups. The former retained the name of the Presbytery of New Castle. The New Side seceders organized the Presbytery of Londonderry, which later called itself also the Presbytery of New Castle, and, to avoid confusion with the of old Presbytery was usually referred to as the Second or New Side Presbytery of New Castle. The schism was healed in 1758, and the two New Castle Presbyteries were united into one Presbytery of New Castle on May 29, 1759.

479. PRESBYTERY OF LANCASTER, 1765-1766 (defunct)

Organized May 25, 1765. This presbytery was formed by the union of "New Castle and Donegall Presbyteries to the eastward of Susquehanna". 1 However, the two were separated on July 29, 1766. The Presbytery of New Castle has existed since under its former name.

See: Minutes of the Presbytery of New Castle, 1759-1773, MSS. (in possession of the Presbyterian Historical Society).

480. LEWES PRESBYTERY, 1735-1742, 1758-1810, 1824-1848, 2 1858-1870. (defunct).

Organized November 19, 1735 at Lewes (entry 482). Included the churches in Sussex County and the nearby counties of Maryland. From time to time it was merged with the Presbytery of New Castle (entry 477), only to be revived at later dates with increased

1. Records of the Presbyterian Church, p. 350.
2. Minutes of the Synod of Pennsylvania, 1834-1853, p. 231.

territorial extent time until in 1858, at the time of its last erection, the Presbytery of Lewes included Sussex, Kent, and parts of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia. From 1850-1855 this was called the Presbytery of the Eastern Shore (entry 481). When the Old and New School factions were united in 1870 the Presbytery of Lewes became again a part of the Presbytery of New Castle and has remained a part ever since.

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481. PREBYTERY OF THE EASTERN SHORE, 1850-1855.

Erected by the Synod of Philadelphia in 1850, embracing the same territory as the Presbytery of Lewes. When this was dissolved in 1855 its members and churches were attached to the Presbytery of Baltimore. In 1858 the territory was once more organized as the Presbytery of Lewes (entry 480).

482. PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON, 1833-1870 (DEFUNCT).

Organized November 19, 1833 at Old Drawyers (entry 486), having been formed out of the Presbytery of New Castle (entry 477) by a number of New School ministers and churches, with the permission of the Synod of Philadelphia. Since some congregations deserted en masse to the New School side, while others split and formed new congregations near the old ones, it is difficult to describe the exact boundaries of the new Presbytery; but its jurisdiction lay chiefly within the bounds of the existing New Castle Presbytery. The Presbytery of Wilmington was dissolved by the General Assembly, October 1835, but restored by that body in May, 1836. In May, 1838, the New School General Assembly combined this Presbytery, that of Lewes, and several presbyteries of Pennsylvania into the Synod of Pennsylvania (New School). This relation was continued until the reunion of the divided church in 1870, when the Wilmington Presbytery was incorporated into the Presbytery of New Castle. The last meeting of the Presbytery of Wilmington was held at Milford in 1870 with eighteen churches represented. There were fifteen at the organization meeting in 1833. Rev. Eliphalet Wheeler Gilbert was the first stated clerk.

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483. LEWES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1698--, King's Highway, Lewes.

The Presbyterian congregation of Lewes is one of the two oldest in Delaware – vying with that of New Castle (entry 484) for priority of organization. It was organized about 1698 when Rev. Samuel Davis, who had resided in Somerset County, Maryland,

since the spring of 1685 or earlier, and who "is recorded as the first minister of the Snow Hill congregation from 1686 to 1698", came up from Somerset to live in the vicinity of Lewes. (Some church historians in the past have thought that Rev. Samuel Davis was living at Lewes as early as 1692, a presumption based on the fact that Davis was visited by the Quaker George Keith in that year coupled with the obvious fact that when these historians rediscovered Davis the center of his activities was Lewes.) Rev. Samuel Davis served as supply minister at Lewes from 1698 until 1717, but he appears to have been absorbed chiefly in business affairs. He was absent from the meeting of the Presbytery of Philadelphia in 1707, at which meeting this body read and re forwarded to Scotland a petition from the Presbyterians of Lewes for another minister. He attended the meeting of the Presbytery in 1708, but thenceforward during the remainder of his sojourn at Lewes he seems to have acted more or less entirely independent of this then-newly-organized ecclesiastical government. In 1715 Davis joined his brethren of Lewes in their second petition to the Presbytery for another minister. To this the Presbytery replied, "that there never having yet been a pastoral relation betwixt you nor likely to be," you will be satisfied with Brother Davis; "preaching, when at home," and we recommend John Thomson for your ministry, but, "in case this should fail, we recommend you to your neighboring ministers in (Maryland) for advice." A formal call was sent in 1716 to John Thomson (who had arrived at New York with his wife and family in 1715), and on the first Wednesday of April 1717 he was inducted into the ministry of Lewes, and thus became the first officially settled minister.

The first Presbyterian Church building at Lewes was constructed of wood on a tract of one hundred square feet "at the end of Lewistown, between the County Road, and the road that goes to Mr. Samuel Davis, his Plantation, on the Hill," which was deeded as a gift by Thomas Fenwick in May 1707, "for the use of the Presbyterian Professors, And to build a **Meeting House, Schoolhouse, and burial Place for Ever." This wooden structure gave place to a brick church in 1728**. It was in this church that the Lewes Presbytery was organized on November 19, 1735. Church building was repaired in 1759 and again in 1818 and finally replaced in 1832 by the present church built on the same lot. One story frame building with shingled walls, spire and bell. Gothic type. The old church was demolished in 1871. In 1877 the present manse was built adjoining the church. Churchyard has been used as a cemetery and in it are buried many of the leaders of the community since early Colonial days. First settled clergyman, John Thomson, 1717-1729.

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484. NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1698--, 21 E. 2nd St., New Castle.

The Presbyterian congregation of New Castle seems to have been at first partly composed of Dutch, English, and other members of the Reformed Church congregation of the old Dutch Church – in the same manner as the Presbyterian congregation of Appoquinimy Church Dutch members. Rev. John Wilson, of Sorbie, Scotland arrived to stay at New Castle, by way of New England, in 1698; hence it is reasonable to suppose that some sort of congregational organization must have existed to induce Rev. Wilson to come down from New England. Rev. Wilson preached at New Castle – sometimes, at least, in the Court house – until 1702. He left there in this year, but “finding it not for the better”, he returned in 1703, or soon after, and became the first settled minister. (note: William Houstown or Houston, by his last will dated May 25, 1707, bequeathed a proposed 300-acre Houstown Glebe near New Castle to Rev. John Wilson of New Castle “and to his Successors Presbyterian ministers of New Castle for ever”; and it appears from Webster that the same bequest had been made by another will in 1686.) In August 1707 a board of trustees secured title to two lots in New Castle “for erecting and building a Presbyterian Church”, and by January 20/30, 1708, the Presbyterians had “build an Extraordinary good Meeting House in this Town with a Considerable Allowance to their Ministers”, Rev. Wilson. * This First Presbyterian Church in New Castle was built of wood – and unlike its rival at Lewes, which has long since vanished – is still (in 1939) used as a Sunday school and parish house. Incorporated March 9, 1813. Present building dedicated 1854. It is a one story brown stone structure of English Gothic style. There is a memorial tablet in the auditorium and the original fixtures are still used.

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485. THREE RUNS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, early 18th cent.(?) – 1819 (defunct), on King's Highway (between South Milford and Haven Mills), just outside South Milford, Cedar Creek Hundred.

Date of organization uncertain. The year 1712 is mentioned in a 19th century sketch of the church, with credit to (1) Francis Makemie (who, however, died in 1708) as the founder. "The people at Cedar Creek" to whom supplies were sent in 1714 (entry 489) may well have been the Three Runs people. The earliest reference to Three Runs in any extant record is in 1758. (2) In 1809 the congregation was unable to support a pastor, (3) and in 1819 the few remaining members entered into the organization of the Mispillion Presbyterian Church (entry 506). (4) The church building was in ruins when the Milford Presbyterian Church (entry 13) was built, in 1850. (5) After the Three Runs site passed into the hands of the present owners (1924), such gravestones and other remains in the old cemetery as had not already been moved were transferred to the Odd Fellows' Cemetery in Milford. (6) A rivulet still called "Presbyterian Branch" is all that is left to recall the existence of the old church on this site. The first settled pastor may have been Rev. Alexander Huston, 1764-1785. (7)

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5. Eightieth Anniversary Celebration of the First Presbyterian Church, Milford, Delaware, p. 5.

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484 a. See O. B. R.

485. DRAWYERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1708--, Main St., Odessa.

The older church –“Old Drawyers” – is the successor of the Church of Appoquinimy (or Apoquinimy, etc.), which in turn chronologically succeeded whatever house or houses must have been used for worship by the Reformed Church members at Apoquinimy (now Odessa) who were being served on some Sundays in 1679 by Domine Petrus Tesschenmaker, the Dutch minister of New Castle. The Presbyterian congregation of the Church of Appoquinimy was at first partly composed of the earlier Reformed Church worshippers. It may have been organized in

- The account thus far is based on the appended notes.

1708, the year in which "some persons about Apoquinimy" petitioned "the Presbytery" for ministerial aid. Favorably considering this petition, the Presbytery ordered Rev. John Wilson (of New Castle) (entry 481), John Hampton (of Somerset County, Md.) and Samuel Davis (of Lewes) (entry 480) to "preach to the people in Apoquinimy" at stated times: Rev. Wilson, "once in a month on a week day", until the next meeting of the Presbytery; Rev. Hampton, "as he goes home" from this meeting; and Rev. Davis, "at his return to the next Presbytery". Davis did not obey this order but it seems that the others did and that Hampton preached there before Wilson. In May 1709, the Presbytery ordered Rev. Wilson to "preach at Apoquinimy" once every month on a weekday and once every three month on a Sunday until its next (annual) meeting, provided the Sunday sermon be taken from the White Clay Creek (entry 486) people's time. Thus some sort of organization must have been affected in 1708, or at least before May 1709. Certain it is that the congregation had been organized by September 5/15, 1709, when the Church of England wardens of "Appoquinimink" – the same as Appoquinimy – write:..... "the dissenting party amongst us have sent to New England for a minister to preach to them in a meeting house they have built here for that purpose: but if our church be soon supplied we shall not fear any hurt they can do us." That this "dissenting party" was Presbyterian is indicated by the facts that it was a Presbyterian custom to look to New England for minister, and that there is no account of any other dissenters: having a meeting house at Appoquinimy or being there at this time. The Church of Appoquinimy, then was apparently completed in the summer of 1709. It was not, however, until May 10/20, 1711, that the acre upon which it was built was formally conveyed by deed to a board of trustees by John Peterson (or Petersen). Rev John Wilson died between the September-1711 meeting and the September-1712 meeting of the Presbytery. When the Presbytery next met, in September 1713, a call from "the people of Apoquinimy" to Robert Witherspoon (or Wotherspoon) was considered; with the eventual result that Witherspoon was formally inducted into the ministry of Appoquinimy on May 13/23, 1714. This meeting house of 1709 served until 1773 when it was replaced by a two story brick building, Colonial style, on the same site. This building, overgrown with ivy, still stands and is commonly known as "Old Drawyers", although this was never its official name. On September 29, 1787 the church was incorporated as the First Presbyterian Church in St. Georges Hundred. The congregation opened and dedicated the present church, located in Odessa, in 1861. Two story brick building with belfry and bell. Gothic style. The church name was changed to its present form at that time. After 1861 memorial services were held at irregular intervals in "Old Drawyers" until the formation of the "Friends of Old Drawyers" (entry 514) in 1895, since which time they have been held regularly and at present are held in June, July, and August. This church has played an important role in Delaware history and many of its early members were prominent in the affairs of the county, among them Thomas McKean, a signer of the "Declaration of Independence." The Historic Marker Commission of Delaware has erected a marker in front of the church in the center of the dual highway. First settled clergyman, Rev. Robert Wotherspoon, 1714-1718. He was

ordained in this church, May 13, 1714. Rev. Dr. Thomas Read, 1766-97, was in charge of the congregation at the time of building "Old Drawyers" church.

See. George Foot, Early History of Delaware, and the Settlement of its Boundaries, and of the Drawyers Congregation, with All the Churches since organized on its original Territory, address delivered in Drawyers Church, May 10, 1842 (Philadelphia, Christian Observer, 1842, 68 pp.). The Evangelist, July 2, 1896; George Alfred Townsend, memorial poem, read at 191st Anniversary (Wilmington, Every Evening Publishing Co., 1902, 31 pp.); Anthony Higgins, address delivered on two hundredth anniversary of church (Wilmington, Historical Society of Delaware, 1908, 20 pp.); accounts of re-opening in The Presbyterian, June 10, 1896; Eliza Sutphen Paull, Old Drawyers, n. p. n. p. n. d. pam. (also in The Evangelist, July 2, 1896; George Alfred Townsend, memorial poem, read at 191st Anniversary (Wilmington, Historical Society of Delaware, 1908, 20 pp.); accounts of Re-opening in The Presbyterian, June 10, 1896; Eliza Sutphen Paull. Old Drawyers, N. p. n. p. n. d. pam. (also in The Westminster – June 6, 1908); Elliot Field, Old Drawyers, n. d. typed; in Presbyterian Historical Society; Elliott Field, Biographical Notes on Rev. Thomas Read, D. D., with historical data on Old Drawyers Church, n. d. typed; in Presbyterian Historical Society.

Minutes (including Register and Financial prior to 1919); 1732--, 4 vols.; Financial, 1919--, 1 vol.; in possession of Charles R. Josephs, R.F.D. 2 (near Noxontown Mills), Townsend. Cemetery records, 1928--, 1 vol.; in possession of Dilworth Vandegrift. Copy of tombstone inscriptions; in possession of Presbyterian Historical Society. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. G2, p. 188; vol. F3, p. 126; vol. B7, p. 334; vol. U12, p. 461; vol. P22, p. 415.

487. THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DOVER, 1714, (?)-----, Dover.

Probably the oldest Presbyterian congregation in Kent County (but see entry 484a). As early as 1711 "the greatest Presbyterians, 1, and beginning in 1714, 2, ministers from other nearby places were asked by "the Presbytery" to preach from time to time to the Presbyterians in Kent. It is recorded in August, 1717, that they had a meeting house. 3, It probably stood on the site marked "Meeting House Square" on the town plot of Dover made in 1718, 4, (now Governor's Avenue, where the old Presbyterian buildings are still standing), although one writer believes that this first church was farther down Jones Creek. 5, At any rate, there was a log church on the town site in 1790, when it was replaced by a brick structure. The latter was supplemented in 1880 by a chapel, also of brick, and both remained in use until 1924, when the present church on State Street was dedicated. The congregation was incorporated in 1787.

The first settled minister in Kent County, Rev. Archibald McCook (1727-1729), 6, no doubt was stationed in Dover.

See: Samuel Miller, The Life of Samuel Miller, D.D., LL.D., Second Professor in the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church, at Princeton, New Jersey Philadelphia, Claxton, Remsen and Haffelfinger, 1869) Vol. I, 381 pp.; Rev. John F. Stonecipher, History of the Presbyterian Church, of Dover, Delaware. A Sermon Preached on the re-opening of the Church, October 23, 1887, n.p.n.p.n.p. pamphlet, 9 pp.), also his MS. Memoranda for this history, in possession of Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia: Historical sketch in Presbyterian Banner, Nov. 9, 1887; historical sketch in Dover State News, April 20-24, 1924.

Minutes (including Financial), 1880--, 2 vols.; Register, 1880--, 3 vols.; Sunday School, 1880--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, rev. Dr. Elliot Field. Deed to present church property, 1923, in custody of Board of trustees. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Z1, p. 128; vol. B3, p. 474; vol. X3, p. 52; vol. D4, p. 105; vol. V4, p. 99; vol. S9, p. 317; vol. E12, p. 378; vol. F12, pp. 296 and 298; vol. W12, p. 400; vol. A13, p. 471; Del. Laws; vol. 9 chap. 367, sec. 1.

1. Perry, Historical Collections..., Vol. II, Pennsylvania, P. 64.
2. Records of Presbyterians Church, p. 35.
3. Perry, Historical Collections..., Vol. V, p. 35.
4. Scharf, II, p. 1034.
5. Stonecipher, History of the Presbyterian Church of Dover, p. 3.
6. Records of the Presbyterian Church, p. 119, 188.

488. MURDERKILL OR DOUBLE RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1714 (?)—1818 (?) (defunct), South Murderkill Hundred.

The supplies sent to Kent Co. in 1714 (see entry 484) are thought by some writers to have preached in Murderkill as well as (or perhaps instead of) Dover Hundred. An early deed proves that there was a Presbyterian "meeting house" in South Murderkill Hundred in 1725. It had disappeared by 1762, but the site was long used as a neighborhood cemetery. There is evidence of a second church, in South Murderkill Hundred, continuing its activities as late as 1818.

See: Deeds: Kent Co., Office of Recorder of Deeds, Deeds Record; vol. H1, p. 225.

489. CEDAR CREEK (SUSSEX COUNTY), 1714.

Supplies were sent to "the people at Cedar Creek" in 1714 and a letter from "the people of Cedar-Creek and Kent" was answered in 1716. 1. But no further mention is found of services there.

1. Records of the Presbyterian Church, pp. 36, 38, 44.

490. LOWER BRANDYWINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1720-- , Kennett Pike, near Centerville.

Organized not later than 1720. In that year supplies began to be sent to, 1. and a lot for a church and cemetery was bought by the Presbyterians "in and about Birmingham." 2. Here, at Bald Hill, east of the Brandywine, in Birmingham Twp., Delaware Co., Pa., a log church was soon built. After half a century of use it had to be replaced, and when the congregation disagreed over the site for a new building, the majority moved to the present location in Christiana Hundred, where a small log church was built in 1774. This was supplanted by a larger brick edifice in 1860, and the old church then was dismantled and used for building horse sheds. First settled minister, Robert Cathcart, 1730-1741.

See: George Edward Jones, Lower Brandywine and its Pastors for one Hundred and Fifty-six Years, from 1720 to 1876 (Wilmington, Del., James & Webb, Printers, 1876, 72 pp.); Rev. Thomas Armentrout, 200th Anniversary of Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church (Wilmington, privately printed, 1920).

1. Records of the Presbyterian Church, p. 81.
2. Jones, Lower Brandywine, p. 12

485. (Continued)

Minutes, 1897--, in possession of Dr. Harold Springer, Centerville. Register, 1897--, 3 vols.; in possession of Frank Chandler, Hockessin. Financial, 1897--, 3 vols.; in possession of Charles Baker, Rockland. Sunday School, 1909--, 2 vols.; in possession of Charles Frederick, Centerville. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. B2, p. 616; vol. R2, p. 56; vol. N5, p. 122; vol. F7, p. 434; vol. P7, p. 260; vol. T7, pp. 333, and 341; vol. R15, p. 248; vol. M18, p. 265.

491. CEDAR CREEK, 1714 (?), Cedar Creek Hundred.

Supplies were sent to "the people at Cedar Creek" in 1714 and 1715, and a letter from "the people of Cedar Creek and Kent" was answered in 1716. 1. But no further mention is found of services there.

1. Records of the Presbyterian Church, p. 61.
Webster, p. 397.

495. COOL SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1728 (?), Cool Spring.

Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred.

The earliest mention of this congregation is found, not in the records of Presbytery of synod, but in a letter (1728) of an Anglican Missionary to Sussex stating that the Presbyterians "have a minister here of the same nation (Irish) and have two Meeting houses in this County, one at Cool Spring, 8 miles distant from Lewes, another in the town of Lewes."

How much earlier than 1728 the first Cool Spring church was built we have no means of knowing. The congregation probably was closely connected with the Lewes church from the beginning. James Martin, a native of Ireland, was pastor at Lewes 1734-1743, and doubtless served during all this time at Cool Spring also. To him, as Minister, and several other Members of the Cool Spring congregation a tract "for 10 acres to enclose their Meet'g House" was granted by Governor Thomas Penn in 1737. Martin may be considered the first settled minister.

From about 1758 to 1860 Cool Spring, Indian River, and Lewes were united, being incorporated in 1788 as "The United Presbyterian Congregations". Nothing is known of the first Cool Spring church building. There is a

Water-color drawing (made from memory) of the second church, a frame building. The third also frame and on the ancient site, was built in 1854.

See: Groving Spence, Letters on the early History of the Presbyterian Church in America, addressed to the late Robert M. Laud (Philadelphia , Henry Perkins; Boston, Perkins and Marvin, 1838, pp. 194-199); Henry C. Conrad, History of Cool Spring Presbyterian Church October 10, 1926 (n. p. n. p. n. d. pp. 3-14)

Minutes (including Financial), 1740--, 4 vols.; Register, 1740--, 4 vols.; in possession of Clarence Johnson. Sunday School, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of Genevine Pepper. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. O14, p. 110; vol. AW45, p. 358; vol. BG80, p. 23; vol. DHO371, p. 442; vol. DHB274, p. 278; Surveys and Warrants, vol. BI776, p. 508. Warrants, vol. CI776, p. 594; Certificates, vol. S18, p. 45.

Copy of minutes and records of the Congregation of Lewes, Indian River and Cool Spring, 1756-1855
** in Collection of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, vol. 94. Philadelphia, 1905 (in the Pennsylvania Historical Society); Typed inscriptions in the Cool Spring Church-yard (in the Presbyterian Historical Society); Typed inscription in the Cool Spring church yard (in the Presbyterian Historical Society); Incorporators of Cool Spring Presbyterian Church, vol. Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society.

*(and a "History" of the three churches in the handwriting of the Rev. Francis Hindman)

499. UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, 1743--, Newark.

The University has its origin in the school, established in 1743 by the presbyteries of New Castle, Philadelphia, and Donegal to provide educational facilities for future ministers in the middle colonies. In the following year this school was taken over by the Synod; eleven ministers (five of them from the Presbytery of New Castle) were appointed trustees; and instruction was offered (until 1748, free of charge) in "the languages, philosophy, and divinity."

Rev. Francis Alison was made master, and conducted the school at New London, Pa. (eleven miles west of Newark) until he went to Philadelphia. He was succeeded in 1752 by Rev. Alexander McDowell, who conducted the school in his manse "between the branches of Elk River," Cecil Co., Md. (near Lewisville, Pa.).

Beginning in 1758 McDowell's ministerial activities were confined to White Clay Creek congregation, near Newark, to which place; no doubt, he removed, with the School. It is mentioned as being there in 1765, and there it remained. It was chartered by Governor John Penn as "the Academy of Newark" in 1769. The Synod of Philadelphia authorized a general collection for the school in 1771, and in 1773 the trustees sent two of their members to England to raise funds. The times were not propitious, but donations at home and abroad enabled the erection of a stone building on a tract of land bought in 1774. The disorders of the Revolution caused the academy to close, but it was reopened perhaps as early as 1781.

The trustees of the Academy were ambitious to enlarge their institution into a college, and to that end were authorized by the Delaware legislature in 1818 to raise up to \$50,000 by a lottery. In 1821-1822 the proceeds of certain taxes on steamboat and stagecoach fares were also granted to the projected college, but no direct financial aid, other than this, was given by the State. On the basis of a new charter (1833 "New Ark College" (so-called until 1843, when the name was changed to Delaware College) was opened to students in May 1834, in its new building (now called Old College).

According to its charter the college was to be non-sectarian, but in fact Presbyterian influence continued. Rev. Eliphalet W. Gilbert, a prominent New School minister of Wilmington, besides presiding over the Board of Trustees, was twice president of the College (1834-1835, 1840-1847). From the first, local Presbyterian bodies gave the school their prayers and their patronage. During Gilbert's second term, in return for an agreement to fill future vacancies in the Board with New School Presbyterians, he secured more active New School support, and several thousands of dollars were raised by the synods of Pennsylvania and Virginia for the college. At a meeting of the Synod of Pennsylvania in 1852, \$2600 was subscribed. However,

other colleges, such as Lafayette, also claimed Presbyterian support, and that accorded to Delaware was not regular or generous enough to keep the institution going.

Financial embarrassment and decline in enrollment caused the college to close its doors in 1859. In 1860 the trustees offered to place the college under the control of "any evangelical religious denomination" that would undertake to support it. Such an overture was made to the Old School Presbyterians, but without success. The college remained closed until 1870, when it was reorganized as a land grant college, with financial support from the federal government. Henceforth it had no connection with any religious group, and therefore its subsequent requires no elaboration here.

500. INDIAN RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, about 1750—about 1868 (defunct), 1 1/2 miles NW of Millsboro, Indian River Hundred.

This church was first known as Frames, (1) from its situation in a grove set aside for its use on the Frame farm at the Head of Indian River. (2) Date of organization about 1750, perhaps earlier. (3) Formed by the New Side element in the Lewes-Indian River neighborhood. (4) Its first settled pastor, John Harris, served from 1756 (5) to 1759, (6) resigning after the union of the Old and New Side synods. Beginning in 1767 the congregation was supplied by Matthew Wilson, pastor of Lewes and Cool Spring churches. (7) The new congregations were incorporated in 1788. (8)

The first meeting house was replaced in 1794 by a frame structure. (9) In 1836 the congregation numbered 68 communicants. It declined there after and was disrupted by the Civil War. By 1866 the church was practically abandoned. Twenty years later only the frame of the building remained, and the cemetery was no longer used. (10) See: Irving Spence, Letter on the Early History of the Presbyterian Church in America, addressed to the late Robert M. Laird (Philadelphia, Henry Perkins, Boston, Perkins and Marvin, 1838 . pp. 194-199

Copy of Minutes and Records of the Congregations Lewes, Indian River, and Cool Spring, 1756-1855 (and a "History" of the three churches in the handwriting of the Rev. Francis Hindman) in Collections of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, vol. 94, (Philadelphia, 1905) in the Pennsylvania Historical Society.

MSS list of subscribes to the support of Rev. John Rankin, June 27, 1778.

Records of the churches of Blackwater, Indian River and Laurel during the period that C. H. Mustard labored as Missionary 1850-1851, 1 vol.

FOOTNOTE FOR INDIAN RIVER

1. Hindman, Historical Sketch.
2. Scharf, vol. 2, p. 1275.
3. Ibid. P. 1274
Turner, Church Records – Presbytery of New Castle
4. Scharf, vol. 2, p. 1274
Hindman, Historic Sketch.
5. (Webster, p. 669. – 1756) Lewes Presbytery Minutes 1758-1810 p. 4.
7. Hindman, Historic Sketch
Scharf vol. 2. p. 1274
Recording the United Congregations of Lewes, Indian River, Cool Spring Minutes, Presbytery
1758-1810 p. 4.
8. Records of the United Congregations
Sprague, vol. 3, p. 178.
Scharf, vol. 2. p. 1275.
Hindman, Historic Sketch.
9. Hindman, Historic Sketch
Recording the United Congregations p. 34
Scharf, vol. 2, p. 1275
10. Turner, Church Records
Scharf, vol. 2. p. 1275.
11. Scharf, vol. 2, p. 1275

501. THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAUREL, 1760(?)-1870 (?) (defunct), Laurel.

Presbyterianism was introduced in this locality probably before 1760. (1) According to tradition, Rev. Gilbert Lennet and George Whitefield planted the gospel here, and Rev. Hugh Henry was the first settled minister. (2) He was followed by Moses Tuttle, stated pastor of the United Congregations of Head of Indian River, Head of Broad Creek (i. e., Laurel), and Head of Worcester County, Nov. 1760 to Oct. 1762. (3) The first church was erected on the north branch of Broad Creek about 1760, and was burned in 1778. (4) The second one was built on land near Laurel, procured from John and Cyrus Mitchell, in 1791, (5) at which time the congregation (then called the church "at Broad Creek wading Place") was incorporated as the Broad Creek Church. (6) In 1832 the name was changed to the Presbyterian Church of Laurel. (7) In 1858 the building was taken apart and moved into Laurel, on a lot given by Dr. Stephen M. Green. The church was abandoned in 1870 and destroyed by fire in 1886 (8).

See: The Presbyterian Congregation at Broad Creek....A Short History of its origin, and progress, until the year 1791 (MS. In Presbyterian Historical Society). Records of the churches of Blackwater, Indian River and Laurel....Jan. 1st, 1850 to June 8, 1851 MS, Presbyterian Historical Society.).

Sussex County Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol.) 14, p. 541; vol. AAR65, p. 287; vol. AT42, p. 341.

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1. Minutes of Lewes Presbytery, Oct. 7, 176 O (p. 7);
Presbyterian Congregation at Broad Creek, pp. 1, 3.
2. Presbyterian Congregation at Broad Creek. Scharf, 11, p. 1330.
3. Minutes of Lewes Presbytery, pp. 7-12.
4. Presbyterian Congregation at Broad Creek, p. 1; Scharf, 11, p. 1330.
5. Presbyterian Congregation at Broad Creek, pp. 1, 15; Scharf, 11, p. 1330.
6. Sussex County, Deeds, vol. O14, p. 541 (1791).
7. Presbyterian Congregation at Broad Creek, p. 15; Samuel Miller, The Life of Samuel Miller, vol. 1, p. 62; Scharf, 11. 1221.
8. Scharf, 11, 1331.

503. BLACKWATER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1763 (7) 1907 (defunct) 5 miles NE of Frankford, Baltimore Hundred.

The first reference in the records to this church is in May, 1763 when "a Congregation near Indian River (called Black-Water)" asked for one third of Rev. Charles Jennert's time. (1) Jennert was doubtless the first settled minister, serving the united congregations of Buckingham (Maryland) and Blackwater from 1763 to 1767. (2) Rev. John Rankin was pastor from 1778 to 1798. During the Revolution, when the depreciation of the paper currency rendered his salary "very inadequate" the Rev. Rankin was paid in corn. The first church was built in 1767 and rebuilt in 1893. (4) It is a one story frame structure painted gray with green shelters. One outside wall is of old matched boarding; other walls are of clapboard. Not much of the original interior remains, but the old floor of brick is supposed to be under the more modern floor of wood. (5) The church became defunct in 1907, but special services are held annually on the second Sunday in October. (6) Ocean View (18560 (entry 516 and Frankford (1894) (entry 523) are offshoots of this church. (7).

Manuscript of Records 1821, 1827, 1828 (for only five people) and of the subscriptions list for John Rankin (see below) in the State Archives; Records of the churches of Blackwater, Indian River, and Laurel, 1850-1851, 1 vol. MS. (in Presbyterian Historical Society – contains session minutes and lists of members marriages, and baptisms); Register of Lewes and Cool Spring (contains marriages previous to 1850); List of subscriber to the support of Rev. John Rankin,....1778, 1779, and 1790, MS. (in Presbyterian Historical Society) also see The Presbyterian April 10, 1919. Records of incorporation and deeds Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record;

FOOTNOTES – BLACKWATER

1. Minutes of Lewes Presbytery, p. 17; Joseph Brown Turner, Church Records in the Presbytery of New Castle.
2. Sprague, Annals, 111, p. 26; Minutes of Lewes Presbytery, pp. 42, 67.
3. MS subscription lists in the Presbyterian Historical Society.
4. Scharf, 11, 1342; WPA form sheet, by Charles L. Ennis and Fred J. Davis.
5. Delaware Guide P. 390.
6. WPA form sheet, by Charles L. Ennis, information from Mrs. Sallie Hall.
7. Scharf, 11, 1342; Turner, Church records in the Presbytery of New Castle.

ST. JOHNSTOWN, 1784 (?), Nanticoke Hundred.

There are a few references to this congregation (the name varies) in the minutes of Lewes Presbytery. In 1785 "St. Johnson" is one of the congregations (the others were Murderkill and Three Runs) of the late Rev. Alexander Huston. (1) William McKee had these charges, 1787-1794 (this one being called "St. Johns" or "Johnstown"). (2) In 1800 the congregation of "Johnstown", Broad Creek, and Blackwater asked for supplies. (3) There is no reference to a church building. Quere: Might this be the congregation referred to in these minutes, 1765-1771, as Nanticoke? (5)

1. Minutes – Lewes Presbytery P. 121.
2. Ibid 127, 156, 162, 164, 167.
3. Minutes -- Lewes Presbytery p. 189.
4. Delaware Guide, p. 417.
5. Minutes – Lewes Presbytery pp. 27, 53, 90.
6. Delaware Guide, p. 358.

507. THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT MILTON, 1833-1865 (?) Milton.

Organized and incorporated in 1833 by a group of Cool Spring worshippers. (1) A Church was erected in 1834 on land purchased from Thara Messick, on Church St. between Federal and Chestnut streets. Services were maintained until about 1865, when, the building being dilapidated and the congregation too small to erect a new one, the church became defunct, some of its members returning to Cool Spring. (3) In 1876 the building was sold to the local school district. (4) Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex County Recorder's Office, Deed Records; vol. AW45, p. 354; vol. SU43, . 375; vol. BG 80, p. 23.

1. Sussex Co., Deeds, vol. (?) p. 354.
2. Ibid, vol. AV-43, p. 375; Scharf, 11, 1265; Beers, Atlas, p. 87.
3. Scharf, 11, 0. 1265.
4. Ibid.

510. THE VILLAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWARK, 1835-1866 (1) Newark.

Organized June 1835 by a group of New School Presbyterians under the auspices of the Presbytery of Wilmington, in the school room of Rev. Samuel Bell, proprietor of a female seminary in Newark. Ordered dissolved by the Synod of Philadelphia, November 4. The congregation "lay dormant" until the Presbytery of Wilmington, June 29, 1842, declared it to be "still in existence". July 27 the congregation met to effect "a more complete organization". (2) It was incorporated August 1843. (3) In the preceding June, plans were made to erect a house of worship, the oratory of Delaware College having been used heretofore. (4) This building, of brick, (5) on the site of the present Catholic Church, was dedicated March 28, 1844. (6) Rev. George Foot was the first and only pastor this church had. (7) Among those who served as stated supplies was Rev. E. W. Gilbert, President of the College and a prime mover in the founding of the Village Church. (8)

The congregation declined in the 1850's, and about 1860 united informally with the First Presbyterian Church (entry 500), this union being legalized by act of Presbytery in 1866. (9) First settled clergyman, Rev. George Foot, 1850-1851 (See entry 500 for bibliography).

Minutes (including history and list of members), 1835-54, 1 vol.; duplicate of Minutes with additional entries, 1855-1866, and list of members to 1858, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Rev. H. Everett Hallman, 133 W. Main St. Records of incorporation and deed; New Castle Co. Recorder of Deed's office, Deeds Record; vol. L5, p. 327; vol. I6, p. 293; vol. Q8, p. 65.

511. THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWARK, 1839--, Newark.

Officially organized August 1839 by a committee of the Presbytery of New Castle (Old School) (1) from a group of his town parishioners brought together by Rev. Andrew K. Russell, pastor of White Clay Creek and Head of Christiana churches, and Principal of Newark Academy. Incorporated March 16, 1841, (2) some time before this a frame (3) church building was erected, (4) in the rear of the present Fader Bakery. In the 1860's the Village Church (entry 499) merged with the First Church, which

FOOT NOTE FOR ENTRY 499

1. Porter, p. 13. (see Bib. Entry 500)
2. Minutes of the Village Presbyterian Church
3. Deed – Vol. L-5-327
4. Porter, p. 9.
5. Report of Committee on Village Presbyterian Church of Newark 1866 in Minute Book of Village Presbyterian Church.
6. Minutes of the Village Presbyterian Church
7. Report of Com., on Village Pres. Ch. 1866.
8. Porter, p. 10.
9. Porter, p. 13.

FOOT NOTE FOR ENTRY 500

1. Vallandigham
2. Vol. H-5-p. 28
3. Wilbur Wilson
4. Vallandigham

union received the formal approval of the Presbytery in 1866.(5) In this year the trustees reincorporated, (6) and in 1867 the trustees of the Village Church conveyed its property to the new united congregation. (7) The present church edifice, of stone in Gothic style, was begun 1868 and dedicated in 1872. An addition in the rear dates from 1921. The first settled clergyman was Rev. Elijah Wilson, 1842-1846.

See: James Laird Vollandigham, Historical Sketch of the First Presbyterian Church of New Ark, Delaware, read by him at the dedication of the new edifice June 13, 1872, (MSS in the Presbyterian Historical Society), also in Head of Christiana, Minutes, vol. 2 (entry 483); George J. Porter, "Historical Discourse in the First Presbyterian Church, Newark, Delaware, July 22, 1876 (Philadelphia, James P. Bryan & Co., Printers, 1876 pamphlet); Dedicatory Services of the Church School Building....October 28, 1928, pamphlet (illus); H. Everett Hallman, title of the article.

Minutes, 1839-1861 (including Register, in the Minutes of Head of Christiana, vol. 2, entry 483); (1863-1904, 2 vols.) (1863—3 vols.) (including incomplete registers), in possession of pastor, Rev. H. Everett Hallman, 133 W. Main St. Sunday School, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Orville Little, Elkton Road; Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder of Deed's office, Deeds Record; vol. H5, p. 28; vol. I6, p. 52; vol. T6, p. 512; vol. K8, p. 28; vol. Q8, p. 65; vol. R9., p. 48; vol. Y10, p. 358; vol. Z10, p. 314.

5. Porter, p. 13

6. Vol. K-8. P. 28.

7. Vol. Q-8. P.65.

513.THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MILFORD, 1849--, East Front and South Walnut Streets, Milford, Cedar Creek Hundred.

Although the Milford area was an early center of Presbyterianism only two members of the old Three Runs Church (entry 484) were found by Rev. G. W. Kennedy, evangelist for the Presbytery of Wilmington, when he visited the town; but through his efforts a congregation was organized in 1849, which in the following year erected a large two story church (of brick, in the current Greek revival style), with parsonage attached. (1)

The congregation was incorporated in 1858, (2) and in 1908. The first settled minister was probably Rev. John W. Mens 1857-1860. (3) See: Pamphlet, Eightieth Anniversary Celebration of the First Presbyterian Church Milford, Delaware, (15 pp. nd. np. np.); Sarah E. Grier, Editor, The Church Annual (Milford, Chronicle Publishing Co., 1938, illustrated, 33 pp.) History of organization of church in sessional book in possession of Charles J. Holzmueller.

Minutes, 1850--, (incomplete), 1 vol.; Register, 1850--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1850--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1870--, 1 vol.; in possession of clerk of the session, Charles J. Holzmueller. Transcript of minutes 1851-88, in State Archives. Records of deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AA157, p. 151; vol. AAR65, p. 126; vol. BS92, p. 49; vol. DDN165, p. 391; vol. DGN244, p. 163;

1. Scharf, II, 1197. Conrad, II, p. 678. Eightieth Anniversary Pamphlet, p. 4.
2. Sussex Co. Deeds, vol. AA157, p. 151; Vol. DDN165, p. 391;
3. Scharf, II, 1198.

514. THE REHOBOTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1856--, near Midway Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred.

Organized in 1856 as a chapel connected with Lewes Presbyterian Church (1) (entry), this church became a separate body in 1876. (2) It was incorporated in 1920. (3) The building originally a one story frame structure, was enlarged and encased with brick in 1924. (4) Rev. W. W. Reese was the first pastor. (5)

Minutes, 1876--, 1 vol.; Register, 1876--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1876--, 1 vol.; Sunday School. 1876--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. William Leishman. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DFO219, p. 4; vol. DFT224, pp. 33, 381; vol. EIF314, p. 342; vol. EIH316, p. 217.

1. Synod of Baltimore, Minutes, 1938, p. 104, gives the date as 1856; Scharf, II, P. 1220, gives 1865; Conrad, vol. II, p. 720, says the church was built in 1855.
2. Conrad, II, p. 720; Scharf, II, p. 1220.
3. Sussex Co., Deeds, vol. DFT224, p. 33.
4. Scharf, loc. cit.; Campbell's copy of inventory, dated Sept. 8, 1938; personal examination of building.
5. Scharf, loc. cit.

515. OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1856--, Atlantic Ave., Ocean View, Baltimore Hundred.

Organized in 1856 as a branch of the Blackwater Presbyterian Church (entry 495). (1) In that year the first church was built, (2) being superseded in 1907 by the present one story frame building on the same site. (3) The present name was adopted in 1909. (4)

Minutes, 1907--, 1 vol.; Register, 1907--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. F. D. Viehe, Lewes. Financial, 1927--, 1 vol.; in possession of J. M. Evans. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex County Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DDU172, p. 441; vol. DDX175, p. 375; vol.. DEO193, p. 194; vol. DIF288, p. 270.

1. Scharf, II, p. 1344.
2. Ibid, p. 1342.
3. From Campbell, Sept. 8, 1938.
4. Sussex Co., Deeds, vol. DDU172, o. 441.

517. THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GEORGETOWN, 1860--Bedford Street, Georgetown, Georgetown Hundred.

Organized in 1860 by a committee of the Presbytery of Lewes. (1) Incorporated 1871, (2) in which year Edward Wootten gave the church a lot on condition that no part of it be used as a graveyard. (3) Services were held in the courthouse until the dedication of the present building in 1872. (4) It is an attractive frame structure, Gothic in style, and painted white. In 1934 the building was raised and a brick basement constructed beneath. (5) The first settled minister was Rev. J. Bailie Adams, 1873-1881, (6)

Minutes, 1859--, 2 vols.; in possession of James M. Tunnell. Register, 1872--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John Humphreys. Financial, 1933--, 1 vol.; in possession of Howard Abbott. Sunday School, 1930--, 1 vol.; in church safe. Transcript of Minutes, 1859-1913 in State Archives. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BR81, p.255; vol. B182, p. 214; vol. DHB261, p.194.

1. Scharf, ii, p. 1247.
2. Sussex Co., Deeds, vol. BH81, p. 255.
3. Ibid. vol. B182, p. 214.
4. Scharf, ii, p. 1247.
5. Personal examination of premises.
6. Scharf, loc. cit.

518. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BRIDGEVILLE, (1865-?) (defunct), Market Street, Bridgeville, Northwest Fork Hundred.

Organized December, 1865, and incorporated the following March as the First Presbyterian Church of Bridgeville. (1) A lot of ground at Market and Laws streets was donated for a church building in 1869 by A. G. R. Hale, one of the trustees. (2) Before the church was built services were held in a storehouse near the bridge. (3)

Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AAZ73, p. 602; vol. BH81, p. 307.

1. Scharf, II, p. 1282; Sussex Co., Deeds, vol. AAZ73, p. 602.

2. Ibid. vol. BH81, p. 307.

3. Scharf, II, p. 1282. In Beer's Atlas (published in 1868), p. 71, there is a building marked "Presbyterian Church" near the bridge, which is doubtless the storehouse mentioned in Scharf.

519. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LINCOLN, 1868-(/) (defunct), Lincoln, Cedar Creek Hundred.

Organized probably in 1868. (1) A. S. Small gave land for a church, which was dedicated in January, 1870, by Rev. Richard Mallory of Milford, Rev. H. J. Gaylord was stated supply, 1869-1871.
(2)

Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BF79, pp. 391, 470.

1. Presbyterian Church, General Assembly (New School).
2. Scharf, II, p. 1253.

520. FRANKFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1878--, Reed St. (1) Frankford, Dagsboro Hundred.

Organized 1878 (1a) as an outgrowth of Blackwater Presbyterian Church (entry 482). Incorporated 1894. (2) Services probably held in homes of members until 1880 when present building was dedicated. (3). Building was repaired in 1909 and 1920. (4) It is a one story frame building with spire and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Mr. Adams, 1880-1881. (5)

Minutes, 1880--, 1 vol.; Register, 1880--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1880--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1880--, 1 vol.; in possession of Morgan Gum. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BV95, p 46; vol. CCO140, p. 90; vol. CCW148, pp. 138, and 215.

1. Sussex Co. Deeds, vol. BV95, p. 46. Also name found in telephone directory.
- 1a. Source ?
2. Is this the first incorporation?
3. Source ? Scharf, II, p. 1339 – gives 1881 as the date of the building.
4. Source ?
5. Source.

521. WESTMINSTER CHURCH AT REHOBOTH, 1931--, Laurel Ave., and King Charles St, Rehoboth, Lewes and Rehoboth Hundred.

Organized 1931. Building dedicated June, 1932. It is a one story brick building with bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. John Humphrey, 1931--,

Minutes, 1931--, 1 vol.; Register, 1932--, in possession of pastor, Rev. John Humphrey. Financial, 1931--, 1 vol.; in possession of Robert C. Phillipa. Sunday School, 1932--, 5 vols.; in church safe, in custody of Anna Steelman. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DID286, p. 160; vol. DGP246, pp. 400-403.

XXVIII. PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Many communicants of the Church of England were among the earliest settlers in the valley of the Delaware after the English had taken possession of the territory. They found here a Dutch and Swedish population with established churches. Although the English soon outnumbered the earlier settlers they were divided among several denominations including Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and later Friends, and Baptists.

Therefore, when the language difficulty could be overcome many families of the newcomers attended the established churches. Special services were held in English for their benefit in many cases. This was a material factor in developing the close relationship between the Swedish Lutheran and the Protestant Episcopal churches which was to result later in the amalgamation of some of their congregations.

Those who did not or could not attend one of the established churches frequently met in private homes where services were conducted by lay preachers or upon occasion by a minister of some other denomination.

It was not until 1677 that an ordained minister of the Church of England preached in Delaware. In December of that year Rev. John Yeo, from Maryland, settled in New Castle, where he remained until 1681. He seems to have supported only in part by the congregations he served. And the little needed their support, being a man of some wealth and of considerable business ability.

Upon his return to Maryland this section was again without a minister of the Church of England until after the formation of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. This society, organized in London in 1701, promptly arranged to send missionaries to Delaware as well as to all the other American colonies. The first missionaries, Rev. Samuel Adams to Broad Creek and Rev. Thomas Crawford to Dover, arrived in 1704. The following year Rev. George Ross reached New Castle. Within ten years there were seven churches in Delaware. Their pastors were supported in part by the society and in part by contributions from their parishioners.

The number had increased to eleven by the time of the Revolutionary War. Their rectors were sent from England, were usually of English birth and education, and, with some notable exceptions, their sympathies were with the mother country. The ritual of the church included prayers for the royal family and these were prohibited locally. Many churches were closed, some permanently. Others remained open, omitting from their services the objectionable prayers or substituting a plea for the Continental Congress, according to the rector's individual sympathies or courage.

The movement to form a National organization was initiated in 1782 by Rev. William White of Philadelphia by the publication of a pamphlet, The Case of the Episcopal Churches in the United States Considered. Commissaries with jurisdiction over the local churches had previously been appointed and conferences had been held by the clergy of Pennsylvania and Delaware, including at times those of New Jersey. But there was no American Bishop and freedom from English legal rule no doubt engendered a desire for freedom

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from English ecclesiastical rule. Through the agitation of the Rev. Mr. White the matter was taken up at an informal meeting of clergymen at Brunswick, New Jersey, May 11, 1784, which resulted in a more formal meeting in the city of New York on October 6th of the same year. This convention adopted the "Fundamental Principles of an Ecclesiastical Constitution" and declared its purpose to procure and American episcopate, since the existence of the church required a speedy mode of obtaining regular ordination.

Another convention met in Philadelphia September 27, 1785, with deputies from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and South Carolina. New England was not represented; The constitution proposed at that time was substantially the same as was adopted the following year.

The General Convention of 1786 met June 20th, at Philadelphia and after addressing a letter to England urging the consecration of American Bishops, adjourned to reassemble October 10th in Wilmington, Delaware, being the only National Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church to meet in this State. The Convention met in the Academy Hall on Market St. between what are now 8th and 9th Sts. Services were held in Old Swedes Church (now Holy Trinity, entry 525), which at that time was still a Swedish Lutheran church.

In the meantime efforts at organization had gone forward independently in New England. Rev. Samuel Seabury, D.D., while serving as chaplain of the King's American Regiment to which post he had been appointed in 1777, was elected Bishop of Connecticut. He could not be consecrated in this country, however, and remained at his post with the English Army until the close of the Revolutionary War. He then went to England but, refusing to take the oath of allegiance, he was denied consecration. He was finally consecrated Bishop of Connecticut on November 14, 1782 at Aberdeen, Scotland by three bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

Upon his return to America, however, he did not participate in the conferences until after Drs. William White and Samuel Provost had been consecrated in England in 1787. Parliament had in the meantime passed a law enabling the English bishops to consecrate bishops for foreign countries without the oath. All three American bishops attended the conference of 1789 and the organization of the Church in the United States was complete.

A General convention is held annually, to which the Diocese of Delaware has sent delegates regularly, with the exception of a few held in the early 1800's. A permanent central administration was established in 1919; the National Council of Protestant Episcopal Churches, Church Mission House, 281 Fourth Ave., New York City. (See forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of New York).

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522-524. DIOCESE OF DELAWARE, 1786--.

522. ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF DELAWARE, 1786--.

Organized 1786, meeting at Dover, September 26th and 27th. Although the minutes of this convention or any prior to 1791 are not known to exist. The fact that such meetings were held is established both through letters of ministers and the acceptance of Delaware representatives at the General Convention, to which only those elected by a State Convention were eligible.

The convention meeting in 1791 adopted a constitution and elected a standing committee. Between 1810 and 1816 meetings seem to have been abandoned, possibly due to conditions surrounding the War of 1812, but they have since

been held regularly.

In 1803 the idea of uniting with the Diocese of Maryland was proposed. The Maryland convention did not deem the idea expedient, however, and it was dropped. The following year the Delaware convention put the diocese under the charge of Bishop Clagget of Maryland.

Both Bishop Clagget and the Bishop of Pennsylvania officiated in Delaware on such occasions as the presence of a Bishop might be required, both before and after this date. The business affairs of the diocese during this period were administered by the standing committee.

In the convention of 1841, held at Georgetown, the Rt. Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., was elected Bishop of Delaware by unanimous vote. He was consecrated October 12, 1841, in St. Paul's Chapel, New York City.

Bishop Lee was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts. After graduating from Harvard College, in 1827, he studied law and practiced for two years in New London, Connecticut. He then entered the General Theological Seminary, New York City, graduating in 1837 and being ordained a priest June 2, 1838. He served for a short period at Poquetonauck, Connecticut, and at Calvary Church, Rockdale, Pennsylvania, before becoming Bishop of Delaware. While Bishop of this diocese he was assigned to exercise Episcopal functions in Haiti and helped establish a mission there under the American Church Missionary Society. In 1875 he was sent to Mexico, his trip resulting in the organization of the Protestant Episcopal Church in that country. From May 12, 1884, to his death, which occurred in Wilmington on April 12, 1887, he was presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

The second Bishop was the Rt. Rev. Leighton Coleman, born May 3, 1837, in Philadelphia, the son of Rev. John Coleman, rector of Trinity Church in that city. After graduating from the Episcopal Academy of Philadelphia he spent about five years in business and then entered the General Theological Seminary of New York from which he graduated in 1861. During his Senior year he was appointed missionary to the public institutions on Blackwell's and Randall's Islands. He was successively rector of St. John's, Brandywine Village, Delaware; St. Mark's Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania; and Trinity Parish, Toledo, Ohio. In 1879 he went to England remaining there for seven years, three of which were spent as organizing secretary of the Church of England Temperance Society. Upon his return he became rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Sayte, Pennsylvania where he remained until consecrated Bishop of Delaware in St. John's Church, Wilmington in 1888. He married Francis Elizabeth duPont, daughter of Alexis I. and Joanne duPont, on July 30, 1861. He died in Wilmington, December 14, 1907.

Bishop Coleman was succeeded by the Rt. Rev. Frederick Joseph Rinsman, B.A., D.D., born in Warren, Ohio, September 7, 1868. He was educated at St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, and Keble College, Oxford, England, graduating from the latter in 1894. He was ordained a priest in 1896. In 1898 he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. From 1895 to 1897 he was Master of St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, and was then rector of St. Martin's Church in New Bedford, Massachusetts, until 1900. He then became Professor of Ecclesiastical History, first at Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Connecticut, and then at the General Theological Seminary, New York City, until elected Bishop of Delaware on June 3, 1908. He resigned May 18, 1919.

The Rt. Rev. Philip Cock became the next Bishop, being consecrated Bishop of Delaware, October 14, 1920 at St. Michaels and All Angels Church, Baltimore. He was born July 4, 1875, in Kansas City, Missouri and educated

at Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, from which he graduated in 1898 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts . In 1903 he graduated from the General Theological Seminary in New York City. He was sent to North Dakota as a missionary and was there ordained a priest December 12, 1902. From 1902 until 1911 he was connected with the Chapel of Incarnation, New York City, being vicar during the last three years. From there he went to St. Mark's San Antonio, Texas, leaving in 1916 to become rector of St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Baltimore. While rector of this church, he made a trip to France as a Y.M.C.A. secretary with the American Expeditionary Force. He was elected President of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1935, which position he still held at the time of his death at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, on March 29, 1938.

The fifth Bishop of Delaware is expected to be the Rt. Rev. Dr. Arthur R. McKinstry, Ph. B., M.A., D.D., whose consecration as bishop will probably take place sometime in January 1939. He was elected November 15th and accepted December 6th. Dr. McKinstry was born in Greeley, Kansas July 26, 1898. He was educated at Kenyon College and Bixley Hall Divinity School Gambier, Ohio, later attending the Episcopal Seminary at Cambridge, Massachusetts, Harvard University Graduate School, and the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee. He was ordained a priest of the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1920. After serving on the staff of the St. Paul's Cathedral in Boston, at Grace Cathedral in Topeka, Kansas, and as Chaplain at Bethany College, he became rector of the Church of the Incarnation in Cleveland, Ohio in 1921. From 1924 to 1927 he was secretary of the Field Department of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church. In 1927 he went to Albany, New York as rector of St. Paul's Church, and then to St. Mark's Church in San Antonio, Texas in 1931. Prior to his election as bishop of this diocese he had been rector of Christ Church, Nashville, Tennessee for a short period during the present year.

The diocese was incorporated February 6, 1845, by an act of the General Assembly (vol. 10, Del. Laws, Chap. 24, secs. 1-4) and re-incorporated April 7, 1881 (vol. 16, Del. Laws, Chap. 352, secs. 1-7), which was amended April 24, 1889, to include a provision that all trustees be actual residents of Delaware (vol. 18, Del. Laws, chap. 482, sec. 1). This charter having expired, the diocese re-incorporated under the General Corporations Law on April 5, 1901.

Conventions are held annually in May, attended by both clerical and lay delegates from all parishes of the diocese. The diocesan boundaries correspond with those of the State.

It is the duty of the secretary of the convention to preserve the journals and records of the convention, to publish the journal and to deliver into the hands of his successor all such books and papers in his possession. He is also required upon publication of the Diocesan Journal to send six copies to each parish and three to each organized mission, as well as copies to each Episcopal Bishop in the United States and to each member of the convention. The journal always contains a copy of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese. The secretary also transmits to every General Convention a list of all ministers of the diocese and a certificate of the appointment of clerical and lay deputies.

The registrar is required to preserve copies of convention journals and all other publications and documents relating to the history of the diocese. He keeps a catalogue of these and other historical documents that may be presented to the diocese. He exchanges convention journals each year with the registrars or secretaries of other dioceses, such journals being the property of the diocese. All valuable historical records in his care must be kept in a fireproof safe deposit vault.

The duties of the Secretary of the Vestry in individual parishes include the recording of their minutes, the preserving of all records and papers belonging to the parish, and delivering all such books and documents to his successor.

The rector, or in his absence the senior or junior warden, is required to record in a register book the name, date and place of birth; and names of parents and sponsor, of each person baptized; name and age of each person confirmed, married, or buried, with the date of such ministration. Such entries must be signed by the person making the entry. A list of all communicants, corrected at the end of each fiscal year, is also included in each register. An annual report based upon this book and a financial report are presented to the Bishop, and upon being approved by him, is published in the journal of the convention.

Property is often held in the name of the diocese even though occupied by an incorporated congregation. In such cases where it has been possible to identify the church, the deed record has been included in that entry. Otherwise the deed records of such properties are included with other similar records of the diocese.

The present secretary of the diocese is Rev. Joseph H. Earp, New Castle. The registrar is Rev. William F. Bumstead, Delaware City.

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523. CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, 1857--, Concord Ave. and Market St., Wilmington.

Organized Aug. 7, 1855, as St. John's Church of Brandywine Village, purchasing part of the present church property on Dec. 2, 1856. A small brick building was erected and used as a day school. Balance of the property was purchased and cornerstone of present church laid June 13, 1857. Building consecrated on Nov. 3, 1858. Extensive alterations and additions made in 1913. Became the Cathedral Church of St. John by proclamation of the Bishop of Delaware Diocese on May 14, 1935. Two story stone structure with tower and bell, chapter house, parish house, and Lady Chapel. Contains two marble tablets in memory of the founder, Alexis I. duPont and his wife. Also numerous memorial stained glass windows. First settled

clergyman, Rev. Stevens Parker, 1857-83. First dean of the Cathedral, the Very Rev. Hiram Rockwell Bennett, 1935--. See: Victor D. Hanby, Improvements and Additions of St. John's Church (Wilmington, C. L. Story, 1919); Very Rev. Hiram Rockwell Bennett, "A Cathedral for Delaware," in The Cathedral Age (Washington, D. C., 1936, pp. 13-16).

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524. BISHOPSTEAD AND CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, 1887--, 14th St. at Orange St., Wilmington.

Official residence of the Bishop of Delaware Diocese, title to the property having been taken by the Diocese in 1887. Building had previously been occupied by the Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., LL. D., first Bishop of the Diocese who purchased it in 1841, making extensive alternations. Building originally erected by Oliver Canby in 1742 of brick and stone. Early English style. Has been covered in recent years with stucco finish. The adjoining chapel was built in 1890. One story red brick structure with stained glass windows. Gothic style. Over the altar hangs a painting, a copy of Raphael's "The Transfiguration", said to be the most valuable painting in Delaware. It was presented to the Bishopstead by Mrs. John McLulick of New Castle, as a memorial to her first husband, Randolph Clay. This is the private chapel of the Bishop, but public services are often held there.

Register, (marriages, baptisms, deaths), 1837--, 4 vols.; in possession of the Bishop of the diocese. Record of deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. B16 p. 379.

525-526. TRINITY PARISH, Wilmington, 1667--.

525. HOLY TRINITY CHURCH (OLD SWEDES), E. 7th and Church Sts. The parish church, 1667-1830.

Organized in 1667 as a Swedish Lutheran Church, being an outgrowth of services held at Fort Christina since 1638. Congregation included Swedish Dutch, and English communicants, widely scattered along both shores of the Delaware, this being the only Lutheran church below Tinicum Island.

A building, probably of logs, was erected at Crane Hook, a low-lying, marshy section, below the mouth of the Christina River. The churchyard served as a burying ground. No trace remains of the old tombstones or the church, but its site is marked by a monument and is indicated by a marker placed at the nearest point on the Wilmington-New Castle road, erected in recent years by the Historic Markers Commission of Delaware.

At this time Rev. Lars Lokenius (or Lock), who had come to America during the time of Governor Johan Printz, seems to have been the only ordained minister on the Delaware. Rev. Reorus Torkillus had died in the fall of 1643, shortly after the arrival of Rev. Johan Campanius, who came with Governor Printz, and the latter had returned to Sweden in 1648. The Rev. Lokenius (or Lock), served the church until his death in 1688.

In 1677, Rev. Jacob Fabritius arrived from New Amsterdam and settled at Wicocoa, a little above the present site of Philadelphia. He served the churches there and at Tinicum, preaching usually in Dutch, as his knowledge

of Swedish was faulty. During the latter years of Lokenius' (or Lock's) ministry the Rev. Fabritius preached frequently at Crane Hook, and after the death of Lokenius (or Lock), this church was added to his itinerary, despite the fact that he had become blind in 1682 and the infirmities of age made the long trip quite burdensome. Shortly before his death in 1691 he asked that another minister be sent to relieve him, but without success.

This colony was no longer under the Swedish Government. It was in the midst of a populous community speaking a different language, and there had been no immigration from Sweden for many years. Aside from a few old folks, they were all American born and had no close ties with Sweden.

During the five years following the death of Fabritius, The Crane Hook Church almost dies for want of suitable minister. Services were held by lay preachers, but were irregular and poorly attended. Appeals to Sweden for a minister were fruitless until 1696, when the matter was brought to the attention of the King. Through the great interest he took in his former subjects, the "Swedish Mission in America" was formed. Ministers were sent, their traveling expenses being paid by the Government. With them were sent books for the religious and secular instruction of the people. Rev. Johan Campanius while in America fifty years previously had translated Luther's Shorter Catechism into the Lenni-Lenape language. This was printed by order of the King and five hundred copies sent to America.

Of the three ministers who came, one was commissioned as pastor at Tinicum, the "Upper Church", and the other, Rec. Erick Bjork, at the "Lower Church", Crane Hook. Within two years of his arrival work was started on the present church building. It was completed and dedication services were held on Trinity Sunday 1699. The name of the church was changed to Trinity. Although the old building was abandoned there were still interments in the old cemetery as late as 1714. The site of the new church on the brow of a hill overlooking Fort Christina had been a cemetery. To provide room for the church additional land was donated by a member of the congregation. A school for instruction of the children was opened in the congregation. A school for instruction of the children was opened in the church building before the end of the year. Work was started on a parsonage in 1701, but it was still unfinished in 1710 when the Rev. Bjork moved in with his family. It was probably completed about 1714 in which year Bjork was called back to Sweden.

For nearly a hundred years this church and the others higher up the Delaware were supplied with Swedish ministers by the "Swedish Mission in America". But there had been no further immigration from Sweden. The Congregation consisted almost entirely of American-born communicants, many of whom had little or no knowledge of the Swedish tongue. In the meantime, the Protestant Episcopal Church closely allied with the Swedish Lutheran, in the midst of a growing English-speaking community, had increased in members.

Finally, in 1786 the congregation asked that they be allowed to choose American ministers. Permission was granted by the Archbishop of Upsala after some delay, and in 1791 the Swedish pastor, Rev. Lawrence Girelius, returned to Sweden. Rev. Joseph Clarkson, an Episcopal minister, was called to the pulpit.

There is some question as to the exact status of Trinity Church during the succeeding years. Until 1833 it is said to have been included in the records of the diocese of Skara (Sweden) as a congregation of the Swedish Lutheran Church. Its pastor, Rev. Joseph Clarkson, was quite active in the affairs of the diocese, but whether or not he was acting officially as rector of Trinity Church is uncertain. The first mention of the church in the diocesan minutes was in 1817, acknowledging payment of its share of the expenses of the previous diocesan convention in 1816. Trinity Parish was

represented in 1818 by both clerical and lay delegates and thereafter the church seems to have functioned as an integral part of the diocese.

The congregation moved to a new church at 5th and King Sts. in 1830 and for a few years thereafter the old building was abandoned. But it was repaired and re-opened in 1842 and has since been in continuous service.

The church is a plain building with very thick granite walls. The church bell first used was hung on a walnut tree in the yard. In 1772 it was replaced with a larger one hung in a small belfry and thirty years later the present belfry was built. The bell became cracked some time prior to 1852 at which time it was re-cast in a local foundry. A gallery was built in 1774 with outside stairs leading to it. When the church was re-opened in 1842, a wood floor was laid over the old bricks and new pews installed, except those in the gallery. On the occasion of the Bicentennial in 1899, however, the interior was restored as nearly as possible to the original arrangement; the wooden floor was removed, a staircase to the gallery, presented by the Colonial Dames of Delaware, erected; stained glass windows and a new pipe organ enclosing it. This ancient pulpit built in 1696 of black walnut is thought to be the oldest church pulpit in the United States.

A chest presented to the church on June 4, 1713, by Christian Joransson, is the string box for the church funds. Many gifts and memorials are found in the church including a communion set made of native silver by a mining company in Sweden, and presented in remembrance of the years the Rev. Bjork had spent laboring in this community. Pews and interior of the church are painted white with mahogany trim. The floor is of brick.

The grounds and exterior walks have been improved, but not modernized. A stone wall surrounding the churchyard and cemetery was built in 1837. The Vicarage, Sexton's ledge and ornamental gateway were added in 1855. Through the generosity of Thomas Francis Bayard, Ambassador to England and vestryman of the church, the Parish House was built in 1893. The front wall bears a bronze tablet placed there by the Historic Markers Commission of Delaware and the same commission has placed a marker by the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks passing near the church.

First settled clergyman, Rev. Erick Bjork, 1696-1714.

See: Horace Burr, Records of the Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church 1697-1773 and Abstract from English Records 1773-1810 (Wilmington, Historical Society of Delaware, 1890, 772 pp.). Pennock Pusey, Crane Hook Church Predecessor of Old Swedes Church (Wilmington, Historical Society of Delaware, 1895, 14 pp.). Dedication of Crane Hook Church Monument, October 17, 1896 (Wilmington, Historical Society of Delaware, 1899, 37 pp.). (Mrs.) Nellie Urner Wallington, Historical Churches of America (N. Y., Duffield and Co., 1907, pp. 20-25); Rev. Frederick J. Kinsman, The Old and the New at Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church, sermon preached on the 217th anniversary, June 18, 1916 (Wilmington, privately printed, 1916, 44 pp.); Henry Clay Conrad, historical sketch (Wilmington, Rodgers Press, 1916, 44 p.); Horace Burr, Catalogue and Errata of Record of Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church (Wilmington, Historical Society of Delaware, 1919, 166 pp.); Legislative Acts, 1759-1831 and Rules, Statutes and Ordinances of Trinity Church (Wilmington, privately printed, 21 pp.); Charles M. Curtis and Charles Lee Reese, Jr., Old Swedes Church, Wilmington, Delaware (Wilmington, Delaware Tercentenary Commission, 21938); J. R. Bartlett, "Description of a rare tract on the Swedish Colony and Church on the Delaware, Written by Tobias E. Eiorck, including poetical dedication and letter of Prof. Hesselius to author" in Historical Magazine (April, 1873); J. O'Brian, "Irish Pioneers in Delaware," containing extracts from registers and other records, in Irish Historical Society Magazine, vol. 18, (1919); Trinity Parish Annals (Wilmington, 1905-1930, monthly except July

and Aug.) Buzzer (Wilmington, 1923--): article in Wilmington newspapers; Delaware Gazette, Mar. 28, 1818; Delaware Republican, Aug. 26, 1858; unknown paper, Apr. 26, 1870; Sunday Star, Aug. 20, 1922, June 7, 1925, and Sept. 14, 1930; Morning News, Oct. 8, 1924, Dec. 9, 1925, and Oct. 16, 1933; Every Evening, Oct. 22, 1923, Dec. 20, 1924, May 25, 1926; June 13, 1930, July 2, 1930; Aug. 8, 1930; Dec. 4, 1930; Evening Journal, May 26, 1923, Oct. 28, 1924; June 22, 1925; Feb. 9, 1927, and July 11, 1933; Journal – Every Evening, Apr. 27, 1935, Jan. 15, 1936, Oct. 13, 1936, and Mar. 30, 1937; collection of early manuscript material in possession of Hon. Charles M. Curtis, 1600 Mt. Salem Lane, Wilmington.

Minutes, 1749-73, 1 vol. (in Swedish): combined with minutes of Trinity Church (entry 526). Register, 1656-1773, 2 vols. (in Swedish): 1773-1842, 1 vol. (in English): 1842--, 2 vols.; combined with Register of Trinity Church (entry 388); Financial, 1687--, unbound; kept in file in Vestry office; also entered in minutes. Sunday School, 1911--, 1 vol.; in possession of Marie Vannerman, 617 E. 17th St. All other current records in Vestry office. Old minute and register vols. in vault of Wilmington Trust Co. Records of appointment of trustees and deeds, New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. L1, p. 24; vol. N2, pp. 280 and 283; vol. B3, p. 244; vol. L3, p. 372; vol. O3, p. 143; vol. Z3, p. 41; vol. Y6, p. 206; vol. A7, p. 59; vol. T10, p. 219; vol. T34, p. 274.

526. TRINITY CHURCH, Delaware Ave. and Adams St. The Parish Church, 1830--.

"Old Swedes" Church being in need of repairs, the congregation moved in 1830 to a new building at 5th and King Sts. Twelve years later the old building was re-opened as Holy Trinity Chapel, the main congregation however remaining in their new quarters. In 1883 they moved to a temporary structure on the present site which they occupied until 1891, when the present building was opened and dedicated. Remodeled in 1966. Church parish house, and rectory are combined in this structure. Stone building with interior trim, including altar and pulpit, of white marble. Church spire of stone contains belfry with chimes of seven bells. Stained glass windows. Gothic style. First settled clergyman, since removal from "Old Swedes" Church, Rev. Isaac Pardee, 1930-35.

Minutes, 1830--, 18 vols.; Register, 1830--, 12 vols.; Financial, 1830--, 18 vols.; Sunday School, 1830--, 12 vols.; Four oldest vols. of register are in safe deposit vault of Wilmington Trust Co. All other records are in the church safe except current vols. Current Minutes, in possession of Margaret Armstrong, 1405 Gilpin Ave.; Register, in possession of Charles Walker, 2207 W. 11th St.; Financial, in possession of George A. Elliott, Jr., Lancaster Pike; Sunday School, in possession of Jennie J. Trapier, 501 Rodney St. These include current records of Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Protestant Episcopal Church. Record of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. G4, p. 129; vol. K4, pp. 265 and 464; vol. L4, p. 322; vol. T6, p. 149; vol. Z6, pp. 430 and 464; vol. D12, p. 23; vol. Q12, p. 316; vol. A13, p. 417; vol. F13, p. 29; vol. S13, p. 366; vol. X17, p. 427; vol. Y17, p. 503.

527. IMMANUEL CHURCH, 1703--, 2ND AND Harmony Sts., New Castle.

Organized not later than 1703 as a result of services held from time to time in private homes since about 1689. Building of the present church was started and an appeal sent to the Bishop of London for a minister.

However it was 1705 before arrived. Church was completed and opened in 1706, the sermon being preached by Rev. Andreas Rudman, a Swedish minister from Philadelphia. Building was not consecrated at that time as there was no Bishop of the Church of England in America. Gallery was added in 1724 and numerous minor changes made until 1818 when extensive repairs were undertaken. These were completed and consecration services held in tower at this time but not until 1887 did it become the property of the church. A large cross on the church spire was erected in 1848, replacing a smaller one which had been installed in 1822. Further additions and repairs were made in 1860 and 1880. In 1867 the rectory was built.

The church is a one story brick structure with stucco finish. Colonial style, with square tower obtaining belfry and clock, and surmounted by a tall spire supporting a cross. As is common with Episcopal churches, the general plan is that of a cross, but with much deeper transepts than are usually found in modern structures. Floor is of brick. Pews are white with dark trimmings. Numerous tablets in the church are memorials. A piece of communion plate together with damask tablecloth and napkins were presented to the church in 1710 by lieutenant Governor Charles Gockin. The churchyard, which is surrounded by a high brick wall, stucco covered, built in 1791, contains the graves of many of the leading men among the early settlers. The church name is spelled "Emanuel" in all the old records, with the exception of a few hearing the date 1721, until 1819. Since then the present form has been used. Incorporated in 1788.

First settled clergyman, Rev George Ross, 1705-08. The Rev. Mr. Ross returned in 1714 and served until his death in 1754.

See: Thomas Holcomb, Early Ecclesiastical Affairs of New Castle, Delaware and History of Immanuel Church (Wilmington, Delaware Printing Co., 1890); articles in Wilmington Every Evening, Oct. 31, 1924; Oct. 19, 1929.

Minutes, 1710--, 3 vols.; in possession of Hon. Richard S. Rodney, Register, 1710-1931, 5 vols.; 1931--, 1 vol.; in possession of the Rector, Rev. Joseph H. Harp. Sunday School, 1824--, 2 vols.; in possession of Norman Parks. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. H1, p. 159; vol. H2, p. 69; vol. N8, p. 129; vol. U9, p. 52, vol. I12, p. 232; vol. B21, p. 115; vol. R25, p. 523; vol. U25, p. 190; vol. R38, p. 534; vol. S38, p. 216.

528-530. CHRIST CHURCH PARISH, Dover, 1703--.

528. CHRIST CHURCH, Church Yard Square. 1703--.

Organized in 1703 as a mission by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in response to a petition of twenty-two inhabitants of Dover. First structure, a wooden building erected of Bay Road was completed about 1706. Second building began in 1734 and completed about 1740, was of brick on the present site. Churchyard served as a burying ground. Church was closed during the Revolutionary War and re-opened in 1785. Building was repaired and reconstructed in 1860 at which time dedication services were held. It was enlarged and re-decorated in 1913. It is a one story brick structure with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Thomas Crawford, 1704-12. See: Rev. Benjamin F. Thompson, "History of Old Christ Church", in Directory (Dover, privately printed, 20 pp.).

Minutes, (including financial), 1860-1910, 1 vol.; Register, 1860-1910, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1860-1910, 3 vols.; in Farmers Bank vault. Minutes (including financial), 1910--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. Thompson. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. B2, p. 80; vol. X3, p. 39; vol. R4, p. 185; vol. K7, p. 68; vol. B10, p. 7; vol. C11, p. 349; vol. E14, p. 326.

529. ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, 1891--, Main St., Camden.

Organized as a mission of Christ Church, Dover, in 1891. Building dedicated 1891. It is a one story frame structure. This church has always been served by ministers of Christ Church.

Minutes, 1891--, 2 vols.; Register, 1891--, 3 vols.; Financial, 189100, 2 vols.; in possession of Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. Thomson, Dover. Sunday School, 1906--, 6 vols.; in possession of Mrs. John C. Griffith, Camden.

530. ST. MARTIN'S CHAPEL, 1908--, ¼ mile N. of Hartly on Road to Kenton.

Organized 1908 as a mission of Christ Church, Dover. Services were held in a loft over the blacksmith shop at Corners until 1914 when the present building was dedicated. It is a wooden building, portable type, made in sections bolted together. This chapel has always been served by ministers of Christ Church, Dover. See: Rt. Rev. F. J. Kinsman, article in Diocese of Delaware, Journal of the 139th Annual Convention, 1914.

Minutes necessary entries, in Parish Registers of Christ Church, Dover and St. Peter's Smyrna Register, 1910--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1910--, 1 vol.; in possession of Rector of Christ Church, Rev. Benjamin F. Thompson. Record of Deed, Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. L10, p. 417; vol. L13, p. 82.

531. CHRIST CHURCH, 1704--, Church and 3rd Sts., Milford.

Organized 1704. The first services of the Church of England in this locality were conducted by the Rev. Thomas Crawford, a missionary of the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts" and pastor of Christ Church, Dover (entry 528), in 1704. The congregation then worshipped at a place three miles west of Milford, though the exact location and description of the building are unknown. In 1745 a small frame chapel was built at Church Hill (now part of Milford). This building was known as Christ Church Mispillion, though it was popularly called "The Savannah Church". The erection of the present building was commenced in 1792, but due to numerous difficulties was not completed and consecrated until 1836. Remodeled and enlarged in 1860. A two story brick structure with tower and bell. Gothic style. First settled clergyman, Rev. Sydenham Thorne, 1773-1793. See: Directory and Historical Sketch (Milford, privately printed, 1914, 16 pp).

Minutes, 1835--, 2 vols.; Register, 1880--, 2 vols.; Sunday School, 1928--, 1 vol.; in possession of Rev. Joseph Samuel Hinks. Financial, 1835--, 4 vols.; in possession of D.G. Collins. Record of incorporation and deed: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. U5, p. 3; vol. P10, p. 298; vol. X10, p. 151; vol. B12, p. 501; vol. Y12, p. 399; vol. G14, p. 19.

532. Christ church, (Broad Creek), 1704--, 2 miles E. of Laurel.

Organized not later than 1704 as a mission of Stepney Parish. Little is known regarding the first church building, but it is thought to have stood on the same site as the present building erected about 1772. Church was incorporated Jan. 2, 1808. This became the mother church to many others in southwest Sussex County, being for a long period one of the largest and most important congregations in that part of the State. With the building of St. Philip's Church (entry 553) in Laurel, a mission of Christ Church, its importance declined since the new church was more conveniently located. Services were held less frequently until 1890, when they were discontinued except for yearly memorial services on Whitsunday. Building is plain unpainted frame structure of heart pine. High-backed pews, pulpit and slaves' gallery all of same material. Aside from the roof, which has been replaced several times, no extensive repairs have been made but the building is in good condition. First settled clergyman, Rev. Samuel Adams, 1794-64.

Minutes, 1833--, 1 vol.; Register, 1853--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. H. Fooks, Laurel. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AD27, p. 294; vol. BH81, p. 590; vol. BBM112, p. 205; vol. BBO114, p. 33; vol. BBP115, p. 352; vol. BBV121, p. 47; vol. DEG185, pp. 344 and 346.

533-535. ST ANNE'S PARISH, Middletown, 1704--,

533. OLD ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, 1 mile S. of Middletown. The Parish church, 1704-1872.

Organized not later than 1704, an order to survey ten acres of land on which to build a chapel for the congregation having been issued on September 1st of that year. The site selected was along the south bank of Appoquinimink Creek to the west of the Queen's Road (now Highway 71). The first church was probably a frame structure as it was reported as "boarded and covered" by October 11, 1704. There is some question as to its exact site but suitable sites within the limits of the original grant are limited, as the land is rolling. Also trees that appear to be remnants of the virgin forest scattered throughout the churchyard further restrict the possible sites. There is, however, a well defined rectangular space on a knoll directly southwest of the present church occupied by young trees and bushes, surrounded by older trees. Unless the first church were approximately on the same site as the present building, as is thought by some to be the case, it very likely stood on the knoll mentioned above, facing a side road. Due to a disagreement between the rector and his parishioners services were discontinued about 1728 but they were resumed shortly thereafter. As early as 1765 the present church was projected and some subscriptions were received. But work may not have been started until some time later, as the rector, Rev Philip Reading, wrote it was "upon the point of being finished" on October 2, 1771. It was closed for several years during the Revolutionary War. But except for this period it was occupied until 1872, when the congregation moved to the new church in Middletown. While it is not defunct, services are now held only during the month of August and on the second Sunday of June each year, when a Memorial Service is held. A covering for the communion table, embroidered with her initials "A.R." in silk, was presented to the church by Queen Anne. It is now in possession of St. Anne's Church in Middletown. A brick wall bearing various memorial plaques at the gates

extends along the roads on the east and south sides of the churchyard. A cemetery covers the entire site, including additional land purchased in 1919 west of the original grant. The present church is a one story brick structure with a slave gallery. Colonial style. Walls of the building are covered with ivy brought from England and planted by Bishop George Washington Doane. The original pews are still in use. First settled clergyman Rev. Thomas Jenkins, 1708-09. See: Souvenir of the Bicentennial of St. Anne's Parish (Middletown, privately printed, 1905); article in Wilmington Sunday Star, June 5, 1938.

Minutes, (including financial). 1801-1908, 3 vols.; Register, 1801-96, 1 vol.; in vault of the Delaware Trust Company. Minutes, 1908--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1908--, 1 vol.; Register, 1896--, 5 vols.; Sunday School, 1908--, 1 vol.; miscellaneous material including sermon preached during the consecration of the church in 1846 by Bishop Alfred Lee; in possession of Rev. Percy Lowry Donaghay, B.D. E. Cochran St. Records 1872-82 incomplete, having been partially destroyed by fire. Records of incorporation: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. H3, p. 113; vol. I11 (?), p. 2.

534. ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, Green and Church Sts. The Parish Church, 1872--.

Organized 1872, at which time the congregation was attending Old St. Anne's Church, lying about three-quarters of a mile south of town. A lot was donated to the church by William Green and the cornerstone laid on Aug. 5th, 1871. The church was opened and consecrated on Apr. 4, 1872. It was destroyed by fire May 2, 1882. Relics from Old St. Anne's Church, with the exception of the communion table cover, were lost together with some of the records of the previous decade. The present building was erected at once and opened for services on Christmas Day, 1882. The following year a rectory was added. This church and Old St. Anne's constitute a single parish and are served by the same rector. The building is a one story stone structure with belfry and steeple, in Gothic style. Incorporated May 24, 1884, first settled clergyman, Rev. John C. McCabe, 1872-73.

Minutes, 1883-1926, 1 vol.; Financial, 1872--, 1 vol.; in vault of Delaware Trust Co. Minutes, 1926--, 1 vol.; in possession of J. G. Braydon, S. Broad St. Register, 1872--, 6 vols.; in possession of Rev. Percy Lowry Donaghay, E. Cochran St. Sunday School, 1872-1937, 1 vol.; each year; in church office. Sunday School, 1938--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. J. W. Beaston, Crawford St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. L9, pp. 38 and 40; vol. A13, p. 95; vol. W12, p. 119; vol. K28, p. 309; vol. T13, p. 216.

535. ST. MARY'S CHAPEL (MISSION OF St. Anne's), 1900-1937 (defunct), South St. Townsend.

Organized 1900 as a chapel for ease for St. Anne's Church. Building was consecrated in 1901. It is a one story frame structure with cornerstone. Was declared defunct and trustees authorized to sell the property in 1937.

Register (including all records), 1900-1928, 1 vol.; in possession of rector of St. Anne's Church, Rev. Percy Lowry Donaghay, E. Cochran St., Middletown. No separate records kept since 1928. Record of deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. F18, p. 577.

536. PRINCE GEORGE'S CHAPEL, 1706-1870, 1929--, ¼ mile E. of Dagsboro.

Organized about 1706 as a charge of St. Martin's Parish in Snow Hill,

Maryland, (See forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Maryland). The first church, a log building, was erected in 1706 and used until 1757 when the present building was dedicated. A small frame structure covered with clapboard shingles. Became a church independent of St. Martin's shortly after the Revolutionary War. The church became defunct about 1870. It was repaired and re-dedicated in 1929. Memorial services are held yearly. General John Dagsworthy, a Revolutionary general, is buried near the church.

No separate records are now kept. Register (including Minutes of Vestry meetings), June 26, 1790-1844, 1 vol.; in custody of Miss Lightner, secretary to the Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. John, Wilmington.

537. ST. PETER'S CHURCH, 1708, 2nd and Market Sts., Lewes.

Organized 1708 under the leadership of Rev. William Black who held services in Lewes and at various points in the surrounding country. Organization was informal and finding insufficient support he left in 1709, services then being held only occasionally until 1718 when Rev. George Ross visited Lewes. Through his influence the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts" sent Rev. William Beckett as a missionary. He arrived in Sept. 1721 and immediately began the construction of a small frame church in the center of town, in addition to two mission buildings in Cedar Creek and Indian River Hundreds, which were included in his parish. Although the building was used immediately, it was not completed until 1728. This building was located on a tract of 4 acre, set aside by the court in 1689 for "any public use that the court shall think proper", a part of which was surveyed in 1796 and deeded to the church on June 13, 1798 as "a gift for pious use" by the commissioners of property of Sussex County. The first church was used until 1808 when a frame building, 40 ft. SW of the original church replaced it. The present building was built in 1851 and consecrated in 1858. Tower added and other improvements made in 1870. A one story brick structure. Wren-Gothic style. Memorial tablets to the memory of Ryves Holt, the First Chief Justice of Delaware, who is buried in the churchyard. A communion service, consisting of chalice, paten and flagon presented to the church on June 10, 1773, by John Penn, a grandson of William Penn. Prayer Book dates 1722. Church incorporated 1789. First settled clergyman, Rev. William Black, 1708-09. See: Rev. Dr. Charles Henry Black Turner, Historical Sketch, Some Records of Sussex Co. (Philadelphia, Allen, 1909, 287 pp.).

Minutes (including financial), 1731--, 4 vols.; Register, 1857--, 4 vols.; in possession of the rector, Rev. Nelson Waite Rightmyer, Lewes. Transcript of Minutes, 1708-97, Register, 1797-1906, in State Archives. Records of deed and incorporation: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Certificates, vol. X22, p. 95, Deeds Record, vol. B2, p. 312; vol. O14, p. 58; vol. BBH107, p. 110; vol. CCX149, p. 68; vol. DFC207, p. 52; vol. DGW253, p. 542; vol. DIA283, p. 416; vol. DIN296, p. 212.

538. ST JAMES' CHURCH, 1716--, St. James Rd. and Capitol Trail, Stanton.

Organized 1716 as a mission of Immanuel Church, New Castle (entry 527). A building begun on the present site in that year was opened in 1717. It burned in 1820. Addition was built in 1896. It is a two story stone building of Colonial style. The church has a memorial window above the altar and a belfry and bell. This church, St. James; of Newport (entry

554) and St. Barnabas of Marshallton (entry 562) have been continuously served by the same pastors. Present pastor is Rev. Milward Wheeler Riker, 1931--.

Minutes, 1761--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Milward Wheeler Riker, St. James Road. Financial, 1922--, 1 vol.; in possession of Alonzo Newlin, Marshallton. Sunday School, a1902--, 2 vols.; in possession of Evelyn Bradley. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. F8, p. 184; vol. Q30, p. 224; vol. H1, p.100; vol. U3, p. 435; vol. Z3, p. 466.

539. ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, 1719--,Angola (Indian River).

Organized and first building erected in 1719, on land which had been deeded May 8, 1706, by Reger Corbett "to the public" for a religious place of worship. Wall and roof were covered with red oak boards. The building was remodeled several times. It was destroyed by fire in 1792. Present building was dedicated in 1794 and remodeled in 1882. It is a brick structure. A tower and bell were added in 1916. Was originally a part of St. Peter's parish (entry 537) and was served by the rectors of St. Peter's Church, Services are now conducted by the pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Milton (entry 540).

Minutes (including Register; also including record of burial lots sold in 1880 and a few records of Chapel of the Comforter, Long Neck), 1739-1930, 1 vol.; in possession of Miss Lightner, secretary to the Dean, Cathedral Of D. Burton, Angola. Sunday School, 1931--, 1 vol.; in church office. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Col Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. A1, p. 93; vol. O3, p. 126; vol. AAE53, p. 521; vol. AAW70, p. 215; vol. AAX71, p. 317.

540. ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1728--. Federal St., Milton.

Organized 1728 by Rev. William Becket. The first church, a one story frame building, was built in 1728 and was situated three miles south of Milton at Ingram's Old Mill, This building was abandoned about 1800, and the organization became defunct. It was revived sometime prior to 1877 and services were held in the Milton Methodist Protestant Church (entry 442) until the present building was consecrated in 1877. First settled clergyman, Rev. Percival C. Pyle, 1893-94.

Minutes, 1877--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1877--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1877--, 1 vol.; in possession of Charles E. Thackery. Register, 1877--, 2 vols.; in possession of Rt. Rev. Philip Cook, D.D., Bishopstead, Wilmington.

541. ST. PETER'S CHURCH, 1740--, Union St. Smyrna.

Organized in 1740. Services were held at Duck Creek, one mile from Smyrna, from 1740 until 1762. Second building, a brick structure erected on the same site, was used until present building was consecrated in 1827. The present building was remodeled in 1857 and in 1885. It is a one story, stucco-covered brick building with belfry and chimes. First settled clergyman, Rev. Arthur Usher, 1740-50.

Minutes, 1857--, 1 vol.; Register, 1886--, 3 vol.; Financial, 1857--, 2 vol.; Sunday School, 1907--, 30 vols.; in possession of rector, Rev. Frederick Marx Barton. Records of incorporation and deeds, Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. 04, p. 326; vol. L5, pp. 478 and 481; vol. M5, p. 364; vol. L6, p. 382.

542 ST. MARY'S CHAPEL, 7-1791 (defunct), near Seaford.

Organized during the colonial period, possibly as a mission of a Maryland parish, as the western boundary of Delaware at that time had not been definitely determined. Chapel was a small frame structure a few miles from the present site of Seaford. It was abandoned during the Revolutionary War, but was evidently re-opened, as the congregation was represented in the diocesan convention held in 1791. Probably became defunct shortly thereafter, from which time until the organization of St. Luke's Church, Seaford (entry 547) there was no consecrated place for Episcopal worship in this neighborhood. See: entry 522, Annual Convention of the Diocese of Delaware, Journal of 1971.

No records found.

543. ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, 1794--, Pine St., Georgetown.

Organized and incorporated June 21, 1794. Services held in Court House until dedication of first building in 1806. Present church was consecrated in 1844 and remodeled in 1881. It is a brick building of Gothic architecture having an open vestibule and a spire. A memorial window installed in this church is considered one of the most beautiful to be found anywhere in this country. First settled clergyman, Rev. Hamilton Bell, 1806-07.

Minutes, 1844--, 5 vols.; Sunday School, 1844--, 4 vols.; in possession of Jacob Minor. Register, 1844--, 3 vols.; in possession of Rev. Richard White, Pine St. Financial (record of vestry meetings, etc.). 1844--, 5 vols.; in possession of Mr. C. B. Saunders. Record of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. P15, p. 304; vol. Y23, p. 424; vol. AAL59, p. 423; vol. BBH107, p. 195; vol. BBQ116, p. 76; vol. BBW122, p. 245; plot of burial ground, vol. BU94, p. 99½; vol. BU94, p. 103; vol. CCA126, p. 322; vol. CCR143, p. 33.

544. ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, 1811--, ¼ mile E. of Pepperbox, Little Hill.

Organized and first building erected in 1811. It was a frame structure with no pews or windows. The church became defunct in 1841 but was rebuilt and re-consecrated in 1843. The present building was consecrated in 1890. It is a one story frame structure with a cornerstone and cross. First settled clergyman, Rev. Hamilton Bell, 1811-14.

Minutes, 1811-57 (including financial), 1 vol.; 1890--, Financial, 1890--, 1 vol.; Sunday School. 1811-57, 1 vol.; 1890--, 1 vol.; in possession of William Truitt, Laurel. Register, 1841--, 3 vols.; in possession of Rev. Dr. Robert Young Barber, Laurel. Record of deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. CCD129, p. 527.

545. ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, 1815--, SW corner 8th and Shipley Sts., Wilmington.

Organized in 1815. On Apr. 26 the "Episcopal Association of the Borough of Wilmington" appointed a committee to buy a building site. A plot on

the northeast corner of King and Hanover (now 6th) Sts. was purchased and construction begun. In 1817 services were held in the First Presbyterian Church, Market St. near 10th (entry 491) A stone structure on the present site was dedicated Oct. 1, 1829, and used until destroyed by fire in 1840. In the same year the building was restored and re-consecrated. During reconstruction, services were held at Hanover St. Presbyterian Church (entry 496). The congregation incorporated May 7, 1828, as "Episcopal Congregation" later the same year took the present name unofficially. A special act of the Assembly on Apr. 2, 1891, incorporated the church under this name and validated the deeds to property previously purchased under that name. The present building is colonial style, two story stucco-covered brick structure with square tower. The pews, beams, panels, etc. are of wax finished quartered oak. First settled clergyman, Rev. Joseph H. Coit, 1828-32. See: A. O. H. Grier, St. Andrews Church, A History of the Parish (Wilmington, C.L. Story, 1930); Year Book (Wilmington, 1901-2-3). Past and Present (Wilmington, Mercantile Print 1890). Semi-Centennial Celebration of St. Andrew's Church (Wilmington, Ferris Bros., 1879), Parish Messenger, weekly bulletin, published by church.

Minutes, 1815-1919, 4 vols.; 1919--, 2 loose-leaf vols.; in possession of Charles B. Palmer, 800 Lore Ave., Gordon Heights. Register, 1829--, 4 vols.; Sunday School, 1830--, 4 vols.; in church office, in custody of Anna Unger. Financial, 1840-1922, 4 vols.; 1922--, 1 loose-leaf vol.; in possession of Frederick W. Kurtz, 2202 W. 16th St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. U4, p. 114; vol. V4, p. 114; vol. Z5, p. 269; vol. P25, p. 389; vol. H27, p. 426; vol. C30, p. 503, Record of re-incorporation, change of name, and confirmation of deeds, vol. 19, Del. Laws, chap. 65.

546. GRACE CHURCH, 1835--, Concord Pike near Faulk Rd., Talleyville.

Organized in 1835. Services were held in a one story stone building on Naaman's Rd., one mile east of Perry's Tavern, from 1836 to 1888. The present building was consecrated in 1875. It is a one story stone structure with tower, bells, and stained windows. First settled clergyman, Rev. C. N. Calloway, 1880-90. See: Rev. Charles B. Traill, History of Grace Church (Wilmington, Sterling Printing Co., 1936).

Minutes, (including financial prior to 1918), 1835--, 3 vols.; Register, 1835--, 3 vols.; in possession of rector, Rev. Charles B. Traill. Financial, 1919--, 1 vol.; in possession of Melvin Bedford, R.F.D.#2, Wilmington. Sunday School, 1867--, 1 vol.; in possession of Amelia Greenfield. R. F. D. #2, Wilmington. Records of deeds and incorporation: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. V4, p. 306; vol. T9, pp. 83 and 92; vol. P13, p. 370.

547. ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, 18835--, Highway 13, Seaford.

Organized in 1835 and incorporated February 20, 1837. Building begun in 1838 but not completed and consecrated until 1843. Additions were built in 1873, 1905, and 1931. It is a one story brick structure with spire and bell. The architecture in Norman Gothic. First Settled Clergyman, Rev. Corry Chambers, 1835-43. See: W. Wright Robinson, A History of Seaford, (Laurel, W. Wright Robinson, 1932).

Minutes, 1900--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1900--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1933--, 1 vol.; in possession of B. Christopher, Record of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AX46, p. 380; vol. BJ83, p. 75; vol. BBO114, p. 346; vol. DFH212, p. 1.

548. ST. THOMAS CHURCH, 1842--, Elkton Rd., W. of Delaware Ave., Newark.

Organized 1842. Services were held in private homes until church was erected in 1843. It was consecrated in 1845. It is a one story stone structure, with tower and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Walter E. Franklin, 1845-52.

Minutes, 1842-1932, 1 vol.; in State Archives. Minutes, 1932--, 1 vol.; in possession of Prof. Elisha Conover, West Main St. Register, 1842--, 3 vol.; in possession of rector, Rev. Andrew William Mayer, 176 W. Main St. Financial, 1842--, 2 vols.; in possession of Dr. J. Fenton Daugherty, 52 W. Delaware Ave. Sunday School, 1842--, 2 vols.; in possession of Mrs. Donald MacCreary, 50 W. Delaware Ave.

549. CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, 1843--, Claymont.

Organized in 1843 as a mission of St. Martin's Marcus Hook, Pa. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). Services were held in private homes until 1854 when present building was dedicated. Parsonage was built about 1864. Additions were built in 1927. It is a one story frame building with stone foundation. First settled clergyman, Rev. G. W. Ridgley, 1851-52.

Minutes, 1843--, 3 vols.; Register, 1854--, 3 vols.; in possession of rev. Charles A. Rantz. Financial, 1854--, 3 vols.; in possession of William H. Talley, Darley Rd. Sunday School, 1934--, 1 vol.; in possession of Douglas T. Davidson, Overlook Colony. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. R6, p. 172; vol. V7, p. 202; vol. E8, p. 28; vol. 38, p. 254; vol. H9, p. 295; vol. M9, p. 440; vol. O26, p. 454;

550. ST. MARK'S CHURCH, 1845--, State St., Millsboro.

Organized 1845. Services were held in homes of members, until 1849 when present building was consecrated. It was remodeled in 1868. It is a one story frame building with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. Rambo, 1848-55.

Minutes, 1846--, 3 vols.; Sunday School, 1931--, 1 vol.; in possession of Gardner L. Ellis. Register, 1846--, 2 vols.; in possession of Rev. Richard K. White. Financial, 1924--, 1 vol.; in possession of J. A. Burton. Record of deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AAI57, p. 53; vol. BGP246, p. 383.

551. CHRIST CHURCH, 1848--, Colinton St., Delaware City.

Organized 1848. Cornerstone of building laid in 1849. Services held in building while it was under construction. Building was consecrated in 1857. It is a one story stucco-finished brick building with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Andrew Freeman, 1848-49. See: Resume of history in record vols. Manuscripts and letters in church office.

All records in one set, 1848--, in custody of William B. Jester, 2nd and Jefferson Sts., in church office. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. C6, pp. 74 and 527; vol. V13, p. 405.

552. CHRIST CHURCH, 1848--, Montchanin.

Organized in 1848 as an outgrowth of the Brandywine Manufactures' Sunday School. Incorporated Feb. 13, 1872. Services were held in the Sunday School building until 1856 when present building was consecrated. It was remodeled in 1876. It is a one story stone structure with tower and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Dr. Samuel Brinkley, 1848-53.

Minutes, 1848, 4 vols.; Financial, 1848--, 4 vols.; Sunday School, 1848--, 6 vols.; in possession of Henry F. duPont, Winterthur. Register, 1848--, 2 vols.; in possession of rector, Rev. Frederick T. Ashton, Greenville. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. S9, p. 198; vol. P15, p. 425; vol. F25, p. 373 and p. 369; vol. B25, p. 292; vol. P32, pp. 234 and 237.

553. ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, 1850--, Central Ave., Laurel.

Organized 1850 as a mission of Christ Church (entry 532). First church consecrated 1850. This was used until 1874 when the present building was consecrated. Rebuilt 1925. A one story brick veneered building, with steeple, bell and cornerstone. Gothic style. First settled clergyman, Rev. John C. Tennent, 1870-73.

Minutes, (including financial), 1862--, 2 vols.; in possession of Mr. J. C. Phillips. Register, 1862--, 2 vols.; Sunday School, 1935--, 12 vols.; in possession of Rev. Dr. Robert Young Barber. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. DEG185, p. 345.

554. ST JAMES CHURCH, 1854--, Market and Justice Sts., Newport.

Organized 1854. Services were held in a one story brick structure, on hundred yards east of the present site until 1856, when the present building was consecrated. It was remodeled in 1936. It is a one story frame building with bell and belfry. This church, St. James' of Stanton (entry 538), and St. Barnabas of Marshallton (entry 562), have been continuously served by the same pastors. Present pastor is Rev. Milward Wheeler Riker, 1931--,

Register, 1874--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Milward Wheeler Riker, St. James Rd, Stanton. Minutes, 1926--, 2 vols.; Financial, 1926--, 1 vol.; in possession of F. A. Block, 1112 E. Justice St. Sunday School, 1932--, 1 vol.; in possession of Margaret Morris, Richardson Park. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. L10, p. 177; vol. C11, p. 71; vol. 3, p. 382; vol. X14, p. 286; vol. A10, p. 95; vol. G11, p. 403; vol., S2, p. 465;

555. CALVARY CHURCH, 1855--, 300 Lore Ave., Hillcrest.

Organized 1855 as a mission of the Church of the Ascension. Claymont. Until 1863 services were conducted in the Newark Union Church at Carrcroft. In that year a small church was erected one-half a mile north of the Newark Union Church. It was a one story stone structure, Gothic style. Due to

many changes and removals, the building was abandoned and the present site selected. Present building consecrated 1910. A one story stone structure, gable roof, with belfry and bell in Gothic style. Memorial windows, gift of W. P. Clyde, in memory of his parents. Most of the stone in the present building was taken from the old structure. Calvary and the Church of the Ascension, Claymont (entry 549), were served by the same pastors until 1935, when it became a chapel of the Cathedral Church of St. John, Wilmington, (entry 523). Since then, Rev. Joseph C. Wood has been the Vicar in charge of the chapel.

Minutes, 1909--, 3 vols.; in possession of Rev. Joseph Wood, 307 W. 22nd St., Wilmington. Financial, 1909--, 1 vol.; in possession of Thomas Kilvington, 310 Maple Ave., Bellefonte. Sunday School, 1910--, 1 vol.; in possession of John M. Stewart, 201 Lore Ave. Record of Deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. S8, p. 254.

556. ST. MARKS CHURCH, 1857--, 1 MILE s. OF Highway 24, Columbia.

Organized and building dedicated 1857. It was repaired in 1917. It is a one story frame building. First settled clergyman, Re. Richard Fisk Cadle, 1857-58.

Minutes, (including financial), 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of Clara Ellis, Delmar. Register, 1900--, 1 vol. in possession of Rev. Dr. Robert Young Barber, Laurel. Sunday School, 1900--, individual class books; in church office, Record of deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AAQ64, p. 451; vol. BW96, p. 112; vol. BBE104, p. 511.

557. CALVARY CHURCH (Bishop Coleman Memorial), 1857--, 1405 w. 4th St., Wilmington.

Organized in 1857. It is an outgrowth of St. Andrew's Parish (entry 545). Mission services, 1857-59, were held in a carriage shop at Front and Justison Sts. Services were held in Calvary Chapel at Washington and 3rd Sts., 1859-1925. Present building opened in 1929. It is a one story stone structure of Tudor Gothic architecture. First settled clergyman, Rev. George A. Latimer, 1868-77. See: Historical sketches, in minutes.

Minutes, 1868--, 5 vols.; Register, 1868--, 5 vols.; Sunday School, 1932--, 2 vols.; in possession of Rev. George C. Graham, 1405 W. 4th St. Financial, 1859--, 8 vols.; in possession of Thomas W. Clegg, 25 S. Cleveland Ave. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. I10, pp. 332 and 346; vol. N14, p. 268; vol. Q33, pp. 223 and 227.

558. ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, 1876--, Fleming St., Harrington.

Organized 1876 and called St. Ann's. Present name adopted sometime prior to 1867. Present building dedicated 1876. It is a one story frame building with steeple and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. John Leighton McKim, 1876-87.

Minutes, 1876--, 2 vols.; Register, 1920--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1920--, 1 vol.; in possession of rector, Rev. Joseph S. Hinks, Milford. Record of deed: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. N11, p. 92.

559. ST. ANDEW'S CHURCH, 1880-- , 8 miles SW of Laurel, Ellis Grove.

Organized 1880. First church, a small frame building was erected in 1880 on the present site. In 1925 the church was closed. It was re-opened in 1932 and destroyed by fire the following year. Rebuilt as a parish house and community center in 1933. A one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. George W. Johnson, 1880-81.

Minutes (including financial), 1932--, 1 vol.; Register, 1932--, 1 vol. in possession of Rev. Dr. Robert Young Barber, Laurel. Sunday School, a1934--, individual class books; in church office, in custody of Ruth Bowden, R. F. D. Laurel.

560. IMANUEL CHURCH, 1884-- , 17TH St. and Riverview Ave., Wilmington.

Organized 1884, incorporated 1888. Services held in frame structure on present site until the dedication of the present building in 1915. It is a one story stone structure with cornerstone. The architecture is Gothic. First settled clergyman, Rev. Kensey Johns Hammond, D.D., 1888-1913. See: Rev. Dr. Hammond, history of parish activities, 1883-1913, manuscript: Parish leaflet, 1890-1913, publication discontinued.

Minutes, 1888-- , 3 vols.; in possession of C. Layton Allen, 804 Blackshire Rd., Wawaset Park; Register, 1887-- , 2 vols.; Financial, 1887-- , 4 vols.; Sunday School, 1888-- , 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Charles Wright Clash, D.D., 2400 W. 17th St. Record of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. I14, p. 279; vol. K14, p. 563; vol. K14, p. 566; vol. R14, 394.

561. ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 1889-- , Bridgeville.

Organized 1889 as a mission of Christ church, Milford (entry 531), being a memorial to the late Bishop Alfred Lee. Was placed in charge of the rector of St. Luke's Church, Seaford (entry 574), in 1891. Present building completed and opened for services in 1892. Brick structure. Modified Gothic style, with spire. The lectern was presented by St. John's Church, Wilmington (entry 523), and the main doors by the family of Bishop Lee. First settled clergyman, Rev. M. L. Woolsey, 1892-94. In late years has been in charge of the rectors of nearby churches, the rector of Christ Church, Milford, having been made acting priest in 1936. Since 1937 the church has been in charge of Rev. Robert R. Gilson, rector of St. Luke's Church.

Register, 1890-- , 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Robert R. Gilson, Seaford. Minutes, 1889-- , 1 vol.; in church office, Financial, 1891-- , 1 vol. in possession of Mrs. Ruse Layton. Record of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBK110, p. 512; vol. BBS118, p. 523.

562. ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, 1890-- , Newport Rd. and Kiamensi Ave., Marshallton.

Organized in 1890 as Trinity Memorial Chapel. Services held in the schoolhouse on Capitol Trail and Newport Rd. from 1890 until present building was consecrated in 1899. Addition was built in 1926. It is a one story frame building with shingle siding and tower. This church, St. James of Stanton (entry 538), and St. James of Newport (entry 554), have been

served continuously by the same pastor. The present pastor is Rev. Milward Wheeler Riker, 1931--,
Minutes, 1891-- ,1 vol.; in possession of Miller Speakman. Register, 1891-- , 1 vol.; in possession
of Rev. Milward Wheeler Riker, St. James Rd., Stanton. Financial, 1891-- , 4 vols.; in possession of
Frederick Bringham, 1801 Market St., Wilmington. Sunday School, 1936-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Ella
M. Winchester, Record of deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. G16, p. 196.

563. SILENT MISSION, 1890-- , 8th and Shipley Sts., Wilmington.

Organized in 1890 through the efforts of the All Saints Church for the Deaf in Philadelphia (see
forthcoming Inventory of Church Archives of Pennsylvania), for the purpose of teaching the Gospel to
the deaf. Services are held on the third Sunday of each month in the Chapel of St. Andrews Protestant
Episcopal Church at 8th and Shipley Sts., under the leadership of Rev. Henry J. Pulver, of the All Saints
Church of Philadelphia, and is affiliated with the protestant Episcopal Diocese of Delaware.

Records are included with those of St. Andrews Church (entry 545).

564. TRINITY CHURCH, 1891-- , Clayton Ave. and Coleman St., Clayton.

Organized in 1891 as a mission of St. Peter's Smyrna (entry 541). Present building was
consecrated in 1891. It is a one story frame structure with bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. George
Darue, 1891-93.

Minutes, 1891-- , 1 vol.; Register, 1891--m 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1920-- , 1 vol.; in possession of
Rev. Frederick Marx Barton, Smyrna. Record of incorporation: Kent Co., Recorder's office, Deeds
Record; vol. R7, p. 74.

565. ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, (colored), 1892-- , French St., Wilmington.

Organized in 1892, worship was held in crypt of St. Andrew's church at 8th and Shipley Sts. (entry
545), 1892-97. Worship was then held in various places. Present building was consecrated in 1926.
This is the only colored Episcopal Church in Delaware. First settled clergyman, Rev. H. Speakman,
tenure unknown.

Minutes, (including financial), 1917-- , 1 vol.; Register, 1892-- , 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1917-- , 2
vols.; in possession of Rev. Adolphus Ebenezer Henry, 706 French St.

566. ALL SAINTS CHURCH, 1893-- , Olive St., Rehoboth Beach.

Organized and building dedicated 1893. It is a one story frame and brick Structure with a bell.
Originally built as a chapel for summer residents, it is now used continuously. Rector of St. Peter's
Protestant Episcopal Church in Lewes (entry 537), is Vicar of this church.

Minutes, 1893-- , 1 vol.; Register, 1893-- , 1 vol.; Financial, 1893-- , 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1935-- ,
1 vol.; in possession of Rev. Nelson Waite Rightmyer, Rector of St. Peter's in Lewes. Records of
incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBU120, p. 589; vol.
BBR117, p. 434; vol. BBS118, p. 458 and p. 460; vol. DEV200, p. 53.

567. ST. MICHAEL'S HOME FOR BABIES, 1894--, 207 Washington St., Wilmington.

Organized and incorporated 1894, as St. Michael's Day Nursery and Hospital for Babies, for the purpose of providing a home for children in need of care, protection, medical or surgical treatment. All members elected to be communicants in the Protestant Episcopal Church. In 1893 the organization purchased the land with a three story brick dwelling at 207 Washington St., and in 1908 the adjoining property, 209 Washington St. in addition to the baby hospital and day nursery, a training school for nurse maids is conducted.

Minutes, 1934--, 4 vols.; Financial, 1934--, 4 vols.; in possession of treasurer, George Elliott, Equitable Trust Co. Admittance Record, 1934--, 3 file boxes; Medical Records, 1934--, 3 vols.; Physical Examination Records, 1936--, 1 file box; Training School for Nursery Maids Applications, 1936--, 1 file box; Records of incorporation and deeds; New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Private Acts, vol. E1, p. 532; Certificate of Incorporation Record, vol. 54, p 273; Deeds Record, vol. U17, p. 36; vol. G22, p. 644.

568. ST. MICHAEL'S HOME FOR BABIES (Colored), 1919--, 709 French St., Wilmington.

Organized in 1919 as a branch of St. Michael's Home for Babies (entry 567). Until 1919 the Colored babies were cared for with the white children.

Records combined with those of the home at 207 Washington St. (entry 567).

569. ALL SAINTS CHURCH, 1896--, Delmar.

Organized in 1896. Services held in a hall until consecration of present building in 1899. It is a one story frame structure with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. C. N. Spalding, 1897-1902.

Minutes, 1899--, 1 vol.; Register, 1899--, 2 vols.; Sunday School, 1899--, 1 vol.; in possession of Robert Young Barber, Laurel. Record of deed; Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. CCB127, p. 512; vol. DGE235, p. 207.

570. ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, 1906-14 (defunct), Adams and Chestnut Sts., Wilmington.

Organized and incorporated June 4, 1906, as St. Michael's Church. On June 9th the church property was purchased, a one story brick structure with basement, previously occupied by the Olivet Presbyterian Church (entry 508). The parish was declared defunct in 1914, and the remaining communicants transferred to other parishes.

Record of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. T20, p. 501; vol. V20, p. 150; vol. R24, p. 184.

571. ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL, 1928--, 1 ½ miles SE of Middletown.

Organized 1928 as the Episcopal Church School Foundation, Inc. This institution, a preparatory school for young men, was endowed by its Founder, A. Felix duPont. The grounds on which the school is located consist of 380 acres, and there are 31 buildings in all, 11 of which are of stone construction. There is also a spacious athletic field. Main building consecrated in 1930. A two story stone structure, Tudor style. A private chapel for the use

Of the faculty and student body is part of the main building. First Headmaster, Rev. Walden Pell, 2nd, M. A. Oxon, 1930--, educated at St. Mark's Southborough, Mass.; Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.; Oxford University, Oxford, England. See: Allan J. Henry, historical sketch in University of Pennsylvania Magazine, Pennsylvania Gazette (Philadelphia, 1935); Porter Sargent entry in Private Schools (Boston, Mass., annual).

Minutes of Faculty Meetings, 1934--, 1 vol. Minutes of Church services, 1930--, 1 vol.; Minutes of School Vestry, 1932--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1930--, 1 vol.; Register, 1930--, 1 vol.; in school office. Record of incorporation and deed. New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Certificates of Incorporation, vol. 030, p. 113; Deeds Record, vol. D36, p.357.

XXIX. REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA

This church, originally the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, has no active congregation in Delaware. It is of historic interest only.

Probably the first Christian people to hold religious services on Delaware soil were the men sent here by Captain David Pietersen deVries in 1631, who settled at Swanendael (now Lewes). They were of the Reformed Protestant Dutch faith.

This expedition did not result in a permanent colony or a permanent church and no Dutch church was formally organized in the valley of the Delaware until the Swedish settlements had been established and lost. The Dutch were then in possession of the river and the city of Amsterdam, Holland had just taken over Fort Casimir from the Dutch West India Co. renaming it New Amstel.

With the first director sent out by the city, Jacob Alrichs, a schoolmaster was sent. Although not an ordained minister, he had passed an examination before the Classis of Amsterdam. Part of his instructions were to "read the holy scripture in public and set the psalms" On August 21st of the same year, 1657, the Dutch man-of-war "deWaegh" arrived with four hundred emigrants and an ordained minister, Re. Evardus Welius. A house had been built in anticipation of his arrival but it is probable the church was not completed until the following winter. The building was remodeled dwelling house and is thought to have been a property of Andreas Hudde, but the evidence on this point is inconclusive.

Dominic Welius died in December 1659 and Rev. Warnerus Hodson, sent to succeed him, died at sea. Thus the church continued in charge of the schoolmaster, Everet Pietersen. He removed to New Amsterdam about 1662 and his duties were fulfilled by other schoolmasters until the arrival in 1678, of Petrus Tesschenmacher, who was ordained the following year. During the first few months he held services in English as well as Dutch. But failing to receive support from the English residents, he discontinued this practice and devoted himself to the Dutch communicants.

The territory had passed into the hands of the English in 1664 and the Dutch language was falling into disuse. After Tesschenmacher left in 1682, apparently discouraged by lack of financial support, services may have been continued with lay readers and an occasional visit of an ordained minister. But he was the last minister of this denomination resident in New Castle.

The Dutch population of New York was larger and the church had been longer established. There it survived and services were continued in the Dutch language until about a hundred years ago, since which time they have been in English. National headquarters of the church, now named the Reformed Church in America, are at 25 E. 22nd St., New York City (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of New York).

572. REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH, 1657-90-(defunct), New Castle.

Organized 1657 by Everet Pietersen, sent by the City of Amsterdam to serve as schoolmaster in their new colony and to read the scriptures. Informal services had probably been held in the fort, however, from the beginning of the Dutch occupation as one of the garrison had been assigned the duty of reading on Sundays before Stuyvesant returned to New Amsterdam. Church building, a small remodeled house, was probably completed before the end of the year. The first ordained minister, Rev. Evardus Welius, arrived in 1657 and upon the day of his arrival, August 21st, two elders and two deacons were appointed by the director of the colony to manage the affairs of the Church. He served until his death in December 1659. Services were continued by Everet Pietersen and other lay readers. Also during this period the church was open to visiting ministers of other denominations.

Amelius DeRingh was appointed reader in 1674. He owned the property immediately adjacent to the churchyard on the southwest, on which the present New Castle Presbyterian Church (entry 481) stands. In the records of the New Castle Court, April 14, 1677, the church is referred to as the "Christ Church".

Petrus Tesschenmacher arrived in 1678, and although he was not then an ordained minister he was later ordained in New York, being the first minister of this denomination ordained in America and for many years the only one. For the benefit of the English communicants Tesschenmacher held services for a time in their language in addition to the regular Dutch services. But these were abandoned after a few months and services thereafter were entirely in Dutch.

However difficulties, largely of a financial nature, arose among the Dutch communicants. These culminated in the Rev. Tesschenmacher abandoning his charge in 1682 and his formal dismissal by the congregation in the fall of that year. To the Consistory of New York and the Classis of Amsterdam he gave lack of financial support as his reason. Soon afterward he accepted a call from Staten Island. As he had been granted some real estate in New Castle his name appears in the tax lists as late as 1689. Thus he is sometimes reported as having lived there until that date.

After his departure services may have been continued by lay readers and an occasional visiting minister but the Rev. Tesschenmacher was the last minister of this denomination resident in New Castle. The only later services known to have been held in this church by an ordained minister were a series of three Sunday Services by Rev. Rudolfo Varick in the summer of 1690.

Little is known of its architecture, aside from the fact that it was of wood and that it was equipped with a bell. Disposal of the latter was the cause of much controversy. It was taken by the county and serves as the town bell. Lieutenant Governor John Evans ordered it turned over to Immanuel Church (entry 527), then pertaining to the Church of England. Evidently this was not done as in 1710 they complained that Lieutenant Governor Charles Gockin had allowed the Presbyterian Church (entry 481) to use it. It was again in possession of

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XXX. REFORMED EPISCOPAL

This denomination was organized in 1873 by the separation from the Protestant Episcopal Church (Section XXVIII) of those who felt their form of worship had become too ritualistic. Rev. George Cummins, one of the leaders in this movement and the first Bishop of the new organization, was born in Smyrna, Delaware in 1822 and ordained a minister of the Protestant Episcopal church by Bishop Lee of the Delaware Diocese. There have been two churches of this denomination in Delaware but they merged into a single congregation some years ago. Presiding Bishop of the denomination is Rt. Rev. Frank V. C. Cloak, 40 S. St., Philadelphia (see forthcoming Inventory of The church Archives of Pennsylvania).

573. ST LUKE'S REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1878--, 8th and Monroe Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1878 by a group of thirty communicants of Calvary Church (entry 577) under the leadership of Rev. J. L. Estlin. Incorporated September 21, 1878 as the Reformed Episcopal Church of the Covenant. Services were held in the Masonic Building on Market St. until 1881 when they moved into a brick church on the north side of W. 2nd St., a short distance east of Washington St., which they purchased March 25th of that year. Two months later a part of the congregation withdrew, together with the rector, and formed a separate church under the name of the Reformed Episcopal Church of the Redeemer (entry 5764). The remaining members purchased a two story frame schoolhouse on 5th Ave. between Brown and Coleman Sts. March 25, 1822, and on November 11th of the same year they purchased a lot at Bird Ave. and South St. The latter was probably intended as a mission although this is not definitely known. They occupied the schoolhouse until 1899 when they sold it to the Bethany Baptist Church (entry 35) and bought land on the east side of West St. Between 2nd and 3rd Sts. Here they built a brick church which they occupied until 1899 when they merged with the church of the Redeemer and incorporated under their present name. The new corporation took over both properties but in 1907 the church on West St. was sold to the Grace African Methodist Episcopal Zion (entry 385). At the time of the merger the present building was opened and dedicated on the site of the former Church of the Redeemer. One story frame structure. Gothic style. Various interior fittings and stained glass windows are memorials. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. L. Estlin, 1878-81.

Minutes, 1898--, 3 vols.; Financial, 1898--, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, J. Wetherell, 16 Walnut Ave., Newport. Register, 1898--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. William Lamming, 606 N. Franklin St. Sunday School, 1898--, in possession of Sunday School secretary, Miss Loeber, R. F.D. Oak Grove. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. I11, p. 134; vol. V11, p. 454; vol. G12, p. 17; vol. N12, p. 62; vol. X13, p. 79; vol. M14, p. 553; vol. P14, p. 378; vol. W14, p. 219; vol. Z17, p. 279; vol. C18, p. 189; vol. E21, p. 251; Certificate of Incorporation; vol. A1, p. 383; vol. K2, p. 467.

574. REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, 1881-99 (merged), 8th and Monroe Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1881 by the rector and forty communicants of the Church of the Covenant (now St. Like's, see entry 573). Incorporated May 23rd of that year. Services were held the following month in a frame building, formerly a carpenter-

ter shop, at 8th and Monroe Sts. This church may later have become a mission of the Second Reformed Episcopal Church of Philadelphia (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania) as the later is mentioned in the deed conveying the property to the present organization, with which the Church of the Redeemer merged in 1899. First settled pastor, Rev. J. L. Estlin; tenure unknown.

Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Y11, p. 88; vol. Z17, p. 279.

XXXI. SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army, organized in England by General William E. Booth, extended its work to America in 1880 under the direction of Thomas E. Moore. He organized posts as an independent unit in 1882 and in 1885 incorporated as the Salvation Army of America. They later reunited with the parent organization, with the exception of about twenty –five posts that organized themselves as the American Rescue Workers (see Section V).

The organization is conducted along military lines. The Army posts in each state are numbered except where there is but a single post, as is the case in Delaware. There are four Territories; Eastern, Central, Western, and Southern. Delaware is in the Eastern Territory in charge of Commissioner Alexander Damon, 120 W. 14th St., New York City. The National Secretary is Commissioner Edward J. Parker, at the same address (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of New York). See: Disposition of Forces (New York, Salvation Army, 1888-- , annual).

575. SALVATION ARMY, 1890-- , 401 Shipley St., Wilmington.

Organized 1890. First meetings were held at 504 Market St. Since then several rented quarters were used until dedication of the present building in 1921, a three story brick structure. Devotional services are held in the hall on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, and on the street on Saturdays in a three story building at 2nd and French Sts. The first floor of the building is used as a store for the sale of second hand furniture and clothing. A smaller store also occupies rented quarters at 10th and Kirkwood Sts. The industrial department gives employment to several men. They also have a band, an orchestra, and a choir. At present there is but one salaried officer in Wilmington, Major John S. Bishop. The first officer in charge was Capt. Brazie, January-June 1890.

Census Board Minutes, 1938-- , 1 loose leaf vol.; Combined Corps Roll (includes young People's Roll Record), 1890-- , 2 vols.; Financial, 1890-- , 24 vols.; in custody of Major John J. Bishop, 401 Shipley St. Record of deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. Q30, p. 465; vol. T30, p. 106; vol. U32, p. 9; vol. N28, p. 481.

XXXII. SPIRITUAL

There are three spiritualistic denominations represented in Delaware. All are recent organization and all are located in Wilmington.

National Spiritualist Association.

This association has one church in Delaware. Headquarters of the corporation and offices of the president, Rev. Joseph P. Whetwell, are at 765 Oakwood Blvd., Chicago, Ill. (See forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives Illinois).

576. CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, 1928--, 406 W. 7th St., Wilmington.

Organized and incorporated 1928. Services have been held in rented quarters in the Patriotic Order Sons of America Hall since organization. First settled Clergyman and president of corporation, Mrs. Fanny Moore, 1928--. Minutes, 1928--, 2 vols.; in possession of Mrs. McKay, 406 W. 22nd St. Financial, 1928--, 2 vols.; in possession of Mrs. W. Hill, 1708 Washington St. Record of incorporation: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. 136, p. 270.

Christian Spiritualist Union.

Two spiritualistic churches in Delaware pertain to this union whose offices are at 1609 Norris St., Philadelphia (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania).

577. UNITY CHURCH OF SPIRITUALISM, 1929--, 513 Jefferson St., Wilmington.

Organized 1929 by Sarah E. Griest and called the Sarah E. Griest Unity Spiritual Church. Name changed 1937. Services held in several rented quarters. Present quarters opened November, 1937. First reader, Rev. Norman J. Clark, 1929--. Minutes, 1929--, 3 vols.; Register (confirmations, marriages, members, deaths). 1929--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1929--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Norman J. Clark, 513 Jefferson St. See: Rev. Norman J. Clark, Souvenir Journal (N. Y., Fishkind Press, 1932, 30 pp.).

578. ST. PAUL'S CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, 1937--, 900 Washington St., Wilmington.

Organized in January 1937. Services are held in rented quarters in the Ancient Order of United Workman Hall and occasionally in private homes. First settled medium, John Lanyon, 1937--, Financial, 1937--, 1 vol.; in possession of John Lanyon, 624 W. 6th St.

Universal Hagar's Spiritual Association.

The one church in Delaware belonging to this association is attended by members of the colored race. The association maintains offices at 1743 McDugall Sr., Detroit, Mich. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Michigan).

579. UNIVERSAL HAGAR'S SPIRITUAL TABERNACLE (Colored) 1930--, 209 Tatnall St., Wilmington.

Organized 1930. Services were held in various rented quarters until 1934

when a two story brick church at 422 W. 2nd St. was used. Present quarters (rented), opened 1935. First settled clergyman, Rev. Prince W. Lewis, 1930--.

Minutes, 1930--, Register (confirmations, marriages, members, deaths), 1930--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1930--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of Ruth Hall, 209 Tatnall St.

XXXIII. GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE NEW JERUSALEM IN THE USA (SWEDEN BORGIAN)

This denomination originated near the close of the eighteenth century in England, being based upon the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg. The first church was not organized, however, until some years after his death in 1772. It is from his name that the commonly used term, Swedenborgian, for this denomination is derived. He was the son of Dr. Jesper Svedberg (or Swedenborg), professor of theology at Upsala and bishop of Skara, Sweden, who was active in promoting the growth of the early Lutheran churches in the Delaware valley (see Section XXI and XXVIII).

The first Swedenborgian society in America was organized in Baltimore in 1792 and in 1817 they held their first general conference.

President of the annual General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the U.S.A., is Re. Fred Sidney Moyer, 3812 Harrington Road, Baltimore, Md. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland).

580. SOCIETY OF THE NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF WILMINGTON, 1824-- , Pennsylvania Ave. and Broom St., Wilmington.

Organized 1824. Incorporated 1858. Until 1857 services were held in members homes. Then in a one story stone structure, Gothic style, at Delaware Ave. and Washington St., 1857-1919. Present building dedicated in 1919. Much of the material taken from the old church was used in the construction of the present building. A one story stone structure, Gothic style. Memorial tablet, by Frank Schoonover, in memory of William Smally. First settled clergyman, Rev. Abile Silver, tenure unknown. See: Rev. George H. Dole, Eighty-fifth Anniversary of Church of New Jerusalem Wilmington, Star Publishing Co., 1909).

Minutes (including register of members, deaths), 1858-- , 3 vols.; in church office, in custody of Philip H. Grant, 504 W. 9th St. Register, (baptisms, confirmations, marriages), 1903-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Rev. Immanuel Tafel, 1116 N. Broom St. Financial, 1857-- , 3 vols.; in possession of Stuart Poole, 1504 Delaware Ave. Sunday School, 1931-- , 1 vol.; in possession of David Wild, 3202 Fernwood Place. Letter file of David LaMotte (one of the organizers), Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. C7, p. 233; vol. A7, p. 495; vol. S14, p. 340; vol. G17, p. 333; vol. T26, pp. 257 and 258; vol. U30, p. 135.

XXXIV. UNITARIANS

This denomination was the result of liberal tendencies on the part of members of various churches, chiefly the congregational and Presbyterian. It developed during the latter part of the eighteenth century, the churches calling themselves Liberal Christians, but having no central organization for some years.

The present American Unitarian Association was organized in 1825 and a general conference first held in 1865. The authority of this and of regional conferences is advisory only, each church being practically autonomous.

There is but one congregation of this denomination in Delaware. Offices of the American Unitarian Association are at 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Massachusetts).

581. FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF WILMINGTON, 1866-- , 807 West St., Wilmington

Organized and incorporated 1866, meetings being held in Wilmington Institute building until 1868 when the present building was dedicated. Alterations were made in 1916. It is a one story brick building with memorial windows. First settled clergyman, Rev. Fielder Israel, 1868-76. See: Mrs. A. D. Warner and Mr. Lea Pusey, Twenty-fifth Anniversary of First Unitarian Church Wilmington, C. F. Thomas and Co., 1893) Mrs. A. D. Warner, historical sketch of work of women of church from 1868 to 1935, in minutes.

Minutes (including Financial, 1866----1936), 1866-- , 4 vols.; in possession of Mrs. Mary R. Devon, 1311 Delaware Ave. Register (baptisms, confirmations, members, marriages, deaths), 1918-- , 2 vols.; in possession of Rev. Dr. W. A. Vrooman, 2100 Lancaster Ave. Financial, 1936-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Charles Warner Jr., 708 Blackshire Rd., Wawaset Park. Sunday School, 1869-- , 5 vols.; in possession of Mrs. R. Stucklen, 906 Harrison St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. G8, p. 306; vol. T9, p. 320.

XXXV. VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

Organized 1896 by General and Mrs. Ballington Booth and incorporated under the laws of the State of New York in November of that year. The organization considers itself an auxiliary to the established churches, urging converts to unite with any Christian Church. They conduct an extensive evangelical and social work. Officers are ordained and administer the rites of baptisms and communion.

Although organized with military titles, government is democratic a board of nine directors of the rank of major or higher. The Commander-in-chief is elected for five years. The present Commander-in-chief is General Ballington Booth, whose headquarters are at 34 W. 28th St., New York City (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of New York).

582. VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, 1914-- , SW cor. 4th and Pine Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1914, services being held in rented quarters at 111 E. 4th St. until 1934 when present quarters, the ground floor of a three story brick building, were opened. First settled clergyman, Major C. L. Bossee, 1914-22.

Minutes, 1914-34, 3 vols.; Register, 1914-34, 3 vols.; at National Headquarters, 34 W. 28th St., New York City. Minutes, 1934-- , 1 vol.; Register, 1934-- , 1 vol.; Financial, 1934-- , 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1934-- , 1 vol.; in possession of local commanding officer, Captain Benjamin E. Downs.

XXXVI. UNDENOMINATIONAL AND OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Among the following are listed churches having an inter-denominational character, those having no National affiliations and whose mode of worship or doctrine does not correspond to any on widespread denomination, and service organizations having a religious background.

583. OTT'S CHAPEL AND CEMETERY, INC. 1871--, Ott's Chapel Road, (P.O., Iron Hill, Md.).

Organized 1871 under the name of Ott's Chapel at which time present building was dedicated. Plain one story frame structure. In 1935 chapel was incorporated under its present name. First settled clergyman, Rev. Stephen Ott, 1871-78. See: William B. Walton, Fiftieth Anniversary, (1921).

Minutes, (including Register, Financial, Sunday School), 1871--, 2 vols.; in possession of William B. Walton. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. R36, p. 396; vol. V36, p. 393.

584. CHURCH OF GOD AND SAINTS OF CHRIST, (colored) 1905--, 841 Walnut St., Wilmington.

Organized 1905. Old Masonic Hall was converted into a church. First settled clergyman, Bishop James W. Brent, 1905-33.

Minutes, 1934--, 1 vol.; Register, 1934--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1934--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1934--, 1 vol.; in possession of Rev. Dr. Harry L. Dawkin, 314 E. 7th St. Records prior to 1934 in possession of Bishop James W. Brent at Belleville Industrial School, Belleville, Va.

585. HOLY CHURCH OF GOD INC., (colored) 1932--, 202 E. 2nd St., Wilmington.

Organized 1932; incorporated 1933. Services were held in several rented rooms. Present room used since 1936. First settled clergyman, Rev. Frank Brown, 1932--.

Minutes, 1932--, 1 vol.; Register, 1932--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1933--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1933--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Sarah Bell, 202 E. 2nd St. Record of incorporation: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. T38, p. 574.

586. CHURCH OF GOD, 1933--, 2nd and Pear Sts., Milford.

Organized and building dedicated 1933. It is a one story concrete block building. First settled clergyman, Rev. F. B. Marine, 1933-34.

Minutes, 1933--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1933--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Harry Darby. Register, 1933--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1933--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Dr. J. Roland Rickson. Record of incorporation: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. N14, p. 193.

Infinite Science

The Infinite Science Church was incorporated in 1935 under the laws of Minnesota as a non – sectarian religious movement. It has recently taken over the Roycroft Enterprises formerly operated by the late Dr. Elbert Hubbard in East Aurora, N.Y. with a view to providing employment for “people of good moral character, free from religious prejudice”.

Its members are organized into "study groups" in various communities. There has been but one such group organized in Delaware.

President of the Federation of Churches of Infinite Science, Inc., is Clarence B. Benedict, Whose offices are in Brookline, Bass. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Massachusetts).

587. FIRST CHURCH OF INFINITE SCIENCE, 1935-36, (defunct), 906 West St., Wilmington.

Organized 1935, first services being held December 1st. Occupied rented quarters in Pythian Castle until September 30, 1936, when the organization became defunct. First settle clergyman, Rev. W. Gordon Gardner, December 1, 1935-July 1936.

Minutes, 1935-36, 1 vol.; Register, 1935-26, 1 vol.; in possession of Dorothy Gooden, 1520 Clinton St. Financial, 1935-36, 1 vol.; in possession of Edward Logan, 110 E. 29th St.

YM and YWCA

This movement originated in England under the leadership of George Williams, later knighted in recognition of his services. Organization in 1844 was an outgrowth of informal meetings held for some time previously. The movement had a rapid growth, extending its work to Canada and the United States in 1851 and holding an international conference in Paris in 1855.

On April 8, 1869 the General Assembly of Delaware passed an "Act for the Promotion of Sunday Schools and Young Men's Christian Associations") Del. Laws, vol. 13, chap. 419), in which provision was made for incorporation with as few as ten persons. But it was not until twenty years later that the first association was formed in Delaware.

The local YMCA pertains to the National Council of Young Men's Christian Associations. General Secretary is John E. Manley with offices at 347 Madison Ave., New York. The YMCA's pertain to the National Board of Young Women's Christian Associations; General Secretary, Miss Anna V. Rice, with offices at 600 Lexington Ave., New York (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of New York).

588. YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, 1889--, 11th and Washington Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1889 at a meeting held in the Delaware Avenue Baptist Church (entry 29). Incorporated in 1891, its purpose being to lead young men to faith in god and to promote their growth into fullness of a Christian Character. In 1891 they purchased a property on Market Street, between 10th and 11th Sts. This was their headquarters until 1906 when they purchased a property at 10th and Orange Sts., which they occupied until the erection of their present building, a modern six story stone and brick structure, the construction of which was started in 1926. This organization is affiliated with other Associations in the United States through membership in the National Council of Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States of America, and with those in the United States and Canada through the International Convention of Young Men's Christian Associations of North America. The Constitution of the National Council is recognized as the fundamental law of this Association. Managed by a board

of directors of eighteen men, of whom ninety per cent must be composed of voting members who are also members of evangelical churches. Not more than one third of the Directors may be members of any one religious denomination. No question of a sectarian or partisan political character may be acted upon or discussed in any meeting of this Association or its Directors. The customary social, educational, religious, recreational, and physical development work is conducted among boys and young men.

Minutes, (including Financial), 1889--, 4 vols.; Membership, 1935--, 1 card file (previous records destroyed); Correspondence, 1937--, 1 file cabinet. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. O15, p. 147; vol. M17, p. 179; vol. L19, pp. 432 and 434; vol. N19, p. 43; vol. R20, p. 578; vol. W23, p. 255; vol. L35, p. 452; Certificate of Incorporation; vol. X3, p. 412; vol. L5, pp. 17 and 18; vol. X27, p. 30.

589. YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, 1895--, 906 King St., Wilmington.

Organized 1895 by a group of women under the leadership of Mrs. J. R. Millegan and Mrs. W. W. Walling, who met in the Old Y.M.C.A. building at 10th and Market Sts., January 30, 1895. This meeting was informal but it resulted in subsequent meetings of a more formal character held in homes and churches. Temporary officers were elected at a meeting held March 19, 1895 in the Second Baptist Church. This meeting arranged for a Sunday afternoon service in the Opera House (Market St. Between 8th and 9th) and appointed a committee to inspect the property at 805 West St., which they rented shortly thereafter. In 1898 they moved to 508 King St. and remained at this address until 1903. Needing larger quarters for their growing organization, they purchased a building at 908 King St. and the following year they acquired the adjacent property. During 1923 these buildings were torn down for the erection of the present structure and temporary headquarters were established in an old School building at 25th and Market Sts., until the new building was completed in 1924. The organization was incorporated in 1903. This organization became a charter member of the National body in 1907. The present building, a five story brick structure, includes a cafeteria, gymnasium, and rooms for transients as well as permanent guests. Art and sewing classes are conducted, together with other educational and recreational activities. An employment bureau is also maintained. Religious activities include a bible class and Sunday Vesper services, which have been held since the first organization. First president, Mrs. J. R. Millegan, 1895-96.

Minutes, (trustees'), 1895-1934, 7 vols.; (committees"), bundles of loose papers and miscellaneous vols.; Reports (committees' monthly), 1916-37, loose papers; Records of fund raising campaigns, 1916-37, cards (3x5) in bundles; Financial, 1897-1920, 6 vols.; Correspondence, 1918-34, cardboard and transfer case; 1935--, 2 vols.; (committees'), 1934--, Reports (committees' monthly), 1937--, (to National Headquarters), 1936--; Correspondence, 1935--, campaign (including lists of subscribers, amounts pledged, paid, etc.), 1937--, card files (3x5); Financial, 1920-25, 6 vols. in file cabinet, 1925--, 10 vols.; loose leaf (check register, 2 vols., voucher register, 2 vols., receipts register, 2 vols.; journal, 2 vols., ledger, 2 vols.) in safe; in office of bookkeepers lobby. Digest of trustees' minutes, prepared by Historical Records Survey 1895-1919, 1 vol., 1920-36, 1 vol., (typed); in office of general secretary. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. P19, p. 7; vol. M21, p. 506; Certificate of Incorporation; vol. T1, p. 587; vol. B7, p. 482.

590. YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (Colored), 1935--, 1301 Tatnall St. Wilmington.

Organized 1935, as an outgrowth of a Girls Reserve Group of the Howard High School. The Community Center at 1301 Tatnall St., was turned over to the Y.M.C.A. (entry 590), and a branch was established for the development of Christian fellowship among negro women and girls. Numerous groups and clubs have been organized for the propagation of religious, educational, physical, and recreational activities. Vesper services are held twice a month and lectures are given by religious leaders.

Committee Minutes, 1935--, 7 vols.; Industrial Women's Groups Minutes, 1935--, 4 vols.; Financial included with records of the central organization (entry 590).

Service Organizations

While but one organization of this type is given below, it should be remembered that similar activities are conducted by many social organizations of individual churches, whose records are included with those of such churches. Also the records of the annual conferences of various denominations contain numerous references to work of this character conducted by them. See also: Wilmington Council of Churches, Section III; American Rescue Workers, Section V; YM and YWHA, entry 178; Wilmington Goodwill Industries, entry 345; Salvation Army, Section XXXI; Volunteers of America, Section XXXV; and YM and YWCA's entries 588-590.

591. SUNDAY BREAKFAST MISSION, 1893--, 115-117 Shipley St., Wilmington.

Organized Sunday December 3, 1893, by members of seventeen Christian Endeavor Societies at a meeting held in a hall on the SE corner of 7th and Lombard Sts. In June 1895 the Christian Endeavor Union withdrew from the organization turning over all properties, money, and debts to a newly organized board named "Sunday Breakfast Mission". The first business meeting of this board was held August 3, 1895 at 7th and Lombard St. The latter part of 1897 they acquired the three story brick building at 117 Shipley St., and the first board meeting at this location was held March 3, 1898. This building contains the superintendent's quarters, director's room, Sunday school, work shop, kitchen, and lodging rooms. In 1901 they purchased the adjoining property, 115 Shipley St., which is used as a chapel. Nightly meetings are held by volunteer ministers, theological students, and members of local churches. Meals are served daily and rooms for night lodging are maintained for men. See: A.R. Tatnall, The Mission Witness (Wilmington, Charles Gray, monthly, 1901-5).

Minutes, 1895-1937, 3 vols.; Financial, 1927--, 16 vols.; Sunday School, 1898--, 6 vols.; in office safe. Minutes, 1937--, 1 vol.; in possession of James H. Stirling, 1711 Scott St. Ladies' Auxiliary, 1912--, 3 vols.; in possession of Mrs. George Dougherty, 1600 Lancaster Ave. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Private Acts Record; vol. F1, p. 139; Deeds Record; vol. M18, p. 543; Certificate of Incorporation, vol. W8, pp. 84 and 282.

Interdenominational Theological Seminary

There is but one theological seminary in Delaware of an interdenominational character.

Organized and incorporated May 1928. Offices and reference library are maintained in the Waverly Apartment at 12th and Market Sts. Through evening classes and correspondence studies, complete college and seminary training is available to those employed during the day. The evening courses in arts and sciences are fully accredited by the University of Chicago. Also an improved Leadership Bible Training Course is offered for Sunday School teachers and lay workers. In Wilmington classes are held in the Church School building of the First and Central Presbyterian Church (entry 491), and in Philadelphia at the Central Y.M.C.A. (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Pennsylvania). It is an inter-denominational school and the Board of Trustees and Faculty are members of various denominations.

Minutes, 1928--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1928--, 1 vol.; in corporation office. Record of incorporation: New Castle Col Recorder's office, Certificate of Incorporation; vol. O28, p. 207.

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L13, p. 202	1885	"	Wesley ME
M13, p. 23	1885	"	Bethany Independent ME, Appoquinimink Hd.
N13, p. 88	1885	Deed	" " " "
O13, p. 430	1886	Incorp.	Grace Baptist, Wilmington
R13, p. 196	1886	Deed	Wesley ME, Wilmington
R13, p. 122	1886	"	" " " "
S13, p. 598	1886	"	MP Church, Appoquinimink Hd.
W13, p. 496	1887	"	Christian Church, Chestnut Hill
W13, p. 519	1887	Incorp.	" " " "
Z13, p. 143	1887	Deed	Wilmington Baptist City Mission
V14, p. 92	1889	"	" " " "
H15, p. 392	1891	"	" " " "
M16, p. 600	1891	Incorp.	Elsmere ME
O15, p. 352	1891	Deed	" "
B16, p. 389	1893	Incorp.	Wilmington, S. Side Baptist Sunday School Association Wilmington
H16, p. 38	1893	Deed	Wilmington, S. Side Baptist Sunday School Association, Wilmington
I16, p. 513	1894	Incorp.	First MP, New Castle
I16, p. 390	1894	"	Wilmington, S. Side Baptist Sunday School Association, Wilmington
I16, p. 437	1894	Deed	Association Wilmington S. Side Baptist Sunday School
K16, p. 319	1894	Incorp.	Second MP Wilmington
M16, p. 208	1894	Deed	" " "
Q16, p. 436	1894	Incorp	Calvary Baptist, Wilmington
U16, p. 4	1895	"	" " " "
X16, p. 445	1895	Deed	Providence AUMP, Wilmington
Y16, p. 414	1895	Incorp	" " " "
A17, p. 506	1896	"	Congregation Baptist, Wilmington
W17, p. 361	1899	"	St. Joseph's AUMP, Mt. Pleasant
B18, p. 497	1899	Deed	St. Luke's ME, Hockessin
C18, p. 90	1899	Incorp.	" " " "
E18, p. 449	1900	"	First Congregational of Wilmington
G18, p. 464	1900	Deed	" " " "
K19, p. 171	1903	"	St. Luke's ME, Hockessin
Q19, p. 210	1903	Incorp	Scotts Chapel, Thorefare Neck
Q19, p. 216	1903	"	Peter Spencer's AUMP, Wilmington
S19, p. 312	1903	Deed	" " " "
W19, p. 600	1904	Incorp.	St. Daniel's ME, Wilmington
V20, p. 152	1906	Deed	" " " "
T21, p. 175	1908	"	Wesley ME, W
Z23, p. 213	1912	Incorp.	Gilbert Presby., Wilmington
M24, p. 32	1913	"	Holy Trinity Polish Nat. Catholic, Wilm.
K25, p. 261	1917	Deed	St. Luke's ME, Hockessin
D27, p. 350	1917	"	Pilgrim Baptist, Newark

Obscure Incorporation and Deeds Records.

Records in the offices of the County Recorders include a number of incorporations or deeds pertaining to religious organizations, concerning which no other information has been found. These are listed below in the order in which they appear in the Recorder's books.

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U2, p. 542	1802	Incorp.	Middletown Congregation
H3, p. 551	1810	"	Peniel ME Church, Newport
C4, p. 397	1824	Deed	ME, Appoquinimink Hd. (Col.)
K4, p. 545	1830	"	Asbury Chapel, St. Georges Hd.
Z4, p. 209	1838	"	African Wes. ME Ch., Wilmington
A5, p. 104	1838	"	" " " " "
G5, p. 93	1841	Incorp.	" " " " "
H5, p. 376	1841	"	Nazareth MP, Newport
L5, p. 54	1843	Incorp.	First United African Wes. Soc. (Col), Wilmington
M5, p. 512	1844	"	First Congregational Church of Wilmington
M5, p. 307	1843	Deed	ME Church, Port Penn
S5, p. 361	1846	"	African Wes. ME Church
W5, p. 91	1847	"	" " " "
W5, p. 142	1847	"	" " " "
X5, p. 87	1847	"	Salem ME, Christiana Hd.
E6, p. 304	1850	"	Union ME, Smyrna Cir., Appoquinimink Hd.
F6, p. 529	1844	"	MP, Appoquinimink Hd/
N6, p. 506	1852	:	African Union, Pencader Hd.
Q6, p. 299	1854	Incorp.	African Union, Christiana Branch
V6, p. 68	1855	Deed	Nazareth Mp, Newport
E7, p. 492	1859	Incorp.	Bethasady ME, Pencader Hd. (Col).
F7, p. 491	1859	"	St. Thomas MP, Pencader Hd. (Col).
L7, p. 318	1860	"	Nazareth MP, Townsend
U7, p. 42	1856	Deed	First United Wes. Society, Christiana Hd.
L8, p. 138	1867	"	Forest Chapel ME, (Col).
V8, p. 26	1868	Incorp.	First Universalist Society of Wilmington
X8, p. 265	1869	Deed	" " " "
N9, p. 482	1872	"	AME, Wilmington
C10, p. 443	1874	"	First United African Wes. ME, Wilmington
F10, p. 205	1874	Incorp.	" " " " " "
D10, p. 260	1854	"	Salem Church, New Castle
T10, p. 493	1876	Mortgage	Bethel ME
Y10, p. 289	1877	Incorp.	The Presby, Union Chapel, Stanton
Y10, p. 496	1872	Deed	Union African, Newark

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R27, p.158	1917	Incorp.	First Progressive Spiritualists, Wilm.
H28, p.462	1919	"	Fraternal Spiritualists, Wilmington
R30, p.599	1921	Deed	African American ME, Wilmington
O32, p.285	1924	Incorp.	Union Band of Holiness Church< Newark
A33, p.531	1924	Deed	St. Daniel's ME, Port Penn
A33, p.527	1924	"	" " " "
T33, p. 593	1924	"	Holiness Christian Church, Newark
U33, p.65	1925	"	Union Band of Holiness, Newark
Z33, p.20	1925	Incorp.	Holiness Christian, Newark
M34, p 529	1926	"	Rock of Ages Baptist, Meadowbrock
Z34, p. 181	1927	"	Weeping Mary Baptist, Wilm.
Z34, p. 515	1927	Deed	Rock of Ages Bapt.
F35, p. 24	1927	"	Weeping Mary Baptist, Wilmington
U35, p.505	1928	Incorp.	Union Band of Holiness, Belvedere
F37, p. 500	1930	Deed	Rock of Ages Baptist, Meadowbrock
Y37, p.354	1932	"	Nazareth Bapt., Christiana Hd.
F40, p.451	1937	"	Ponsil ME, Newport
R40, p.249	1937	"	" " "

Private Acts Record

C1, p. 170	1883	Incorp.	Brandywine Cath. Liter. Asses. Of Del.
D1, p. 34	1871	"	Wilmington Baptist City Mission
D1, p. 35	1887	Re-Incorp.	" " " "
F1, p. 76	1896	Incorp.	The Peoples Mission, Wilmington
F1, p. 88	1896	"	The Community of All Angels
F1, p. 253	1888	"	Home Mission, Wilmington

Certificate of Incorporation

E1, p. 8	1900	Incorp.	St. Stanislaus Beneficial Society, Wilm.
G1, p. 337	1901	"	Fraternity of Mutual Help of St. Stanislaus B. M.
N1, p. 169	1902	"	Delaware Christian Science Institute
D3, p. 325	1909	"	Wilmington Baptist City Mission Society
B7, p. 180	1916	"	Society of the Brotherhood of St. John the Baptist, Wilmington
E42, p.530	1934	"	Super Mind Science of U.S.A., Wilmington

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Deeds Record

M1, p. 72	1740	Deed	St. Jones Church, Dover
N1, p. 183	1747	"	Baptist Society, Duck Creek
N1, p. 280	1748-49	"	Holy Hill, Gravely Run Branch
O1, p. 276	1755	"	PE Church, Mispillion Hd.
E2, p. 265	1796	"	Baptist Church, Mt. Moriah, road from Dover to Choptank Bridge
E2, p. 271	1796	"	Mispillion Bapt. Church Dover-Milford Rd.
G2, p. 172	1802	"	Quakers
S2, p. 225	1819	Incorp	First Presby. Cong. Of Three Run
K3, p. 170	1836	Deed	Christiana Tabernacle
R3, p. 234	1842	Incorp	Wesley ME Church, Milford Neck

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S3, p. 55	1842	Deed	Banning Meeting, Dover-Frederica Rd.
U3, p. 102	1846	"	MP Church, Kenton to Sudlers Cross Rd.
U3, p. 157	1846	"	Presbyterian Church, Duck Creek Hd.
V3, p. 186	1847	Incorp.	ME Church, Leipsic
V3, p. 61	1846	Deed	MP Church, Smyrna
W3, p. 201	1846	Cert. of Character	Rev. G. Laws (Col.)
X3, p. 178	1848	Deed	African Zion Church near Camden
X3, p. 50	1848	"	Sutton Meeting House, Camden afterwards Manship
Y3, p. 22	1849	"	Meeting House, Road from Dover to Davis Corner
Y3, p. 86	1849	"	African ME Church Milford
Y3, p. 124	1849	Incorp.	1 st . United African Wes. Soc. Blancer, Duck Creek Hd.
Z3, p. 128	1850	"	ME Church, Leipsic
D4, p. 88	1852	Deed	Wesley Church
E4, p. 6	1853	Agreement	" "
F4, p. 194	1854	Deed	ME Church (Bethel) Road from Farrows' Church to Bells Mill # 207-a
M4, p. 63	1854	"	Friendship AME Church, Duck Creek Hd.
P4, p. 99	1858	"	African ME Church, Leipsic-Dover Road
P4, p. 183	1858	"	ME Church, Clarks' Corner
R4, p. 450	1860	Incorp.	MP Church
U4, p. 152	1862	Deed	Knates Trustees, Road from Meredith shops to Canterbury
W4, p. 502	1864	"	Bethesda MP Church near Proston Bridge
W4, p. 178	1864	"	Central ME Church, Dover Hd.
X4, p. 195	1864	"	Zion ME Church
B5, p. 110	1866	Incorp.	Plymouth Congregational Ch. Of Del.
D5, p. 246	1867	"	Severson Church, Smyrna Circuit
H5, p. 244	1869	Deed	Wesley Church, Dover
I5, p. 485	1869	"	Lebanon Church, Lebanon
L5, p. 345	1871	Incorp.	Zion Baptist Church, Mispillion Hd.
L5, p. 1	1870	Deed	ME Church, South Halltown
L5, p. 345	1871	Incorp.	Zion Baptist Church, Mispillion Hd.
M5, p. 490	1871	Deed	Zion Baptist Church, Mispillion Hd.
P5, p. 379	1873	Incorp.	Magnolia Baptist Church, Magnolia
Q5, p. 58	1874	Deed	Presby. Church, Harrington
Q5, p. 249	1873	Incorp.	Holy Cross Beneficial Society, Dover
Q5, p. 430	1874	"	African ME Church, Dover
Q5, p. 264	1874	"	Wesley ME Church, Mispillion Hd.
S5, p. 19	1874	Deed	Mt. Olive MP Church, Milford
T5, p. 285	1876	"	UAME Church, Frederica road to Barnville Mills
V5, p. 30	1876	"	Lebanon ME Church, Lebanon
C6, p. 156	1880	"	MP Church, Felton
E6, p. 207	1880	Incorp.	Mispillion Presby. Church, Farmington
E6, p. 493	1880	Deed	Wyoming Baptist, Camden
F6, p. 19	1880	Incorp.	Wyoming Baptist
F6, p. 159	1881	Deed	Union ME Ch. On road to Hazletville
L6, p. 432	1883	Incorp.	Millwood ME Chapel, School District # 73
M6, p. 108	1883	"	Willis ME Chapel

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N6, p. 276	1883	Deed	Lebanon ME, Lebanon
O6, p. 458	1884	Incorp.	John Wesley ME (Col.) Jones Neck
S6, p. 37	1885	"	St. John's Reformed, Wyoming
S6, p. 39	1885	Deed	" " " "
U6, p. 81	1885	"	Turners ME Chapel, So. Murderkill Hd.
U6, p. 456	1886	Incorp.	Felton MP Church, So. Murderkill Hd.
V6, p. 436	1887	Deed	Personage Tr. Clayton Circuit, Duck Creek Rd.
W6, p. 121	1886	Incorp.	Frederica UAME Church
X6, p. 193	1887	"	Leipsic ME Church
X6, p. 470	1887	Deed	Hawkin's ME Church, West Dover Hd.
Y6, p. 162	1887	"	Canterbury ME Church, road from Woodside to Camden
Y6, p. 293	1887	Incorp.	Felton Institute & Classical Seminary
B7, p. 319	1889	"	St. George's Church, Williamsville
C7, p. 306	1889	"	Zion AME Church, Camden
D7, p. 132	1889	Deed	Baptist Church, Camden
I 7, p. 488	1892	Incorp.	Frederica MP Church
L7, p. 474	1893	Deed	Clayton MP Church
M7, p. 360	1893	Incorp.	St. Peter's ME Church, Harrington
N7, p. 273	1893	Deed	AMP Church, N. & S. Murderkill
Q7, p. 52	1894	"	Clayton AME Church
Q7, p. 16	1894	Incorp.	Clayton Circuit MP Church
R7, p. 87	1895	"	Farmington Presbyterian Church
S7, p. 341	1895	"	Down's Chapel, MP
S7, p. 111	1895	"	Metropolitan ME Church, Harrington
U7, p. 360	1896	"	Bethel ME Church
V7, p. 439	1897	"	Wells MP Church
B8, p. 4	1898	"	St. Paul's AME Church, Harrington
E8, p. 201	1899	Deed	Holiness Christian Church, Smyrna
P8, p. 448	1902	"	Ewell's Chapel, Clayton
Q8, p. 29	1902	"	St. James Bethel AME Church, 2 miles from Felton
T8, p. 399	1903	"	ME Church, Leipsic
A9, p. 399	1903	"	Mt. Olive AME Church, Magnolia Road
D9, p. 251	1905	"	Felton & Mt. Olive MP Churches, Felton
L9, p. 373	1907	"	Birds AME Church, Clayton
M9, p. 427	1908	"	Pentecostal Ch. Of the Nazarene, Harrington
P9, p. 182	1908	"	Felton MP Church, Felton
P9, p. 193	1908	"	Bethel MP, Mispillion Hd.
S9, p. 80	1908	"	Wesley Church, Dover
U9, p. 389	1909	"	St. John's AMP Church, near Woodside
U9, p. 296	1909	"	International Apostolic Church, Harrington
V9, p. 298	1908	"	Seventh Day Adventist Church, Dover
X9, p. 70	1910	"	African ME Church, Dover
D10, p.28	1911	Incorp.	Houston ME Church, Dover
D10, p.29	1911	Deed	Houston ME Church
G10, p.346	1912	Incorp.	AUFCMP Church, near Plymouth
G10, p.235	1912	"	Willis ME Church
I10, p.330	1912	Deed	Apostolic Holiness Church Harrington
I10, p.360	1912	Incorp.	St. Paul's Chr. Ch., Wyoming
K10, p.457	1913	"	" " " " :
U10, p.252	1915	Deed	Bethel Chr. Ch., E. Dover Hd.

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F11, p.291	1917	Incorp.	Christian Church of Dover
H11, p.391	1918	Deed	Mt. Friendship AME Ch. road from Cloak's Mill to Smyrna
R11, p.162	1919	"	Bethel ME Church near Cheswold # 207-a
U11, p.134	1920	Incorp.	Christian Church of Dover
Z11, p. 329	1921	"	Carlisle AME Church, road from Dover to Casson's Corner
Z11, p. 421	1920	Deed	St. Paul's AME Ch., Willow Grove
B12, p.109	1921	Incorp.	Grimes AME Church
C12, p.176	1921	Deed	Hickman's International Holiness Church Hickman
E12, p.314	1922	"	ME Church (C01.), Milford
G12, p.395	1923	Incorp.	Canterbury ME Church, Canterbury
I12, p. 104	1923	"	Frederica AME Church
K12, p.277	1923	Deed	St. Paul's AME Ch., Harrington
L12, p. 46	1923	"	Zion AME Church
O12, p.67	1923	"	Mt. Olive AME Ch. Kenton to Cheswold
P12, p.490	1924	"	Wyoming Baptist Church, Camden
A13, p.212	1926	"	Cow Marsh Old School Baptist Church on road from Wyoming to Bright's Corner
E13, p.329	1927	"	Todd's Chapel, Mispillion Hd.
M13, p.42	1928	"	Houston ME Church, Houston
S13, p.479	1930	"	Laws ME Church, Milford Hd.
S13, p.344	1929	"	AME Church, Dover
W13, p.358	1930	"	Union Holiness Church of Star Hill
X13, p.439	1931	"	John Wesley ME Ch., E. Dover Hd.
Y13, p. 432	1931	"	Wyoming Bapt. Ch., Camden
Y13, p.322	1931	"	St. Jones ME Ch., East Dover Hd.
Y13, p.170	1930	"	Milford Neck ME Church
Z13, p.171	1931	"	African ME Ch., N & S Murderkill Hd.
B14, p.144	1931	"	Union ME Ch., Wyoming to Hazletville
L14, p. 255	1933	"	Bethel MP Church, Mispillion Hd.
N14, p.193	1934	Incorp.	Church of God, Milford
U14, p. 355	1936	Deed	Mt. Hebron Bapt. Ch., Kenton Hd.
W14, p.82	1935	Incorp.	Union Baptist Church of Dover
B15, p.279	1937	Deed	Pilgrim Holiness Church, Harrington

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B1, p. 49	1869	Incorp.	The Sunday School Union of Grace Ch.
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Mortgage Records

Z1, p. 109	1887		Baptist Church, Wyoming
A2, p. 266	1888		St. John's Reformed Ch., Wyoming
F2, p. 163	1893		St. Peter's ME Ch., Harrington
H2, p. 390	1895		Farmington Presby. Ch. Farmington
L2, p. 277	1897		St. Paul's ME Church, Willow Grove
F3, p. 163	1908		Felton MP Church, Felton
G5, p. 145	1931		Lockwood AME Church, E. Dover Hd.
V5, p. 352	1933		Solid Rock Southern Bapt. Ch., Dover

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A1, p. 54	1805	Incorp.	St. Matthews Epis., Cedar Ck. Hd.
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B2, p.312	1788	Incorp.	St. Matthews Epis., Cedar Ck. Hd.
B2, p.390	1788	Deed	" " " " " "
AB25, p.372 1/2	1805	"	ME, Bridge Branch
AB27, p.232	1804	"	Chapel Branch ME, M.W. Fork Hd.
AD27, p.295	1808	Incorp.	Greenville PE
AE28, p.26	1809	Deed	Manlove Grove, ME, Broad Creek Hd.
AF29, p.102	1810	Incorp.	Zion, Slaughter Neck, Formerly Hickman's
AF29, p.102	1810	Deed	" " " " " "
AI32, p.359	1812	"	ME, Road from Georgetown to Sorel Town
AK35, p.370	1818	"	Broadkiln ME Broadkiln Hd.
AK33, p.30	1803	"	Peter Knis Branch ME, Evans Branch
AK33, p.428	1818	"	Bockim Meeting House, Seaford
AL34, p.571	1820	Incorp.	Antioch Chapel, Dagsborough
AM35, p.480	1823	Deed	ME, Middleford
AR40, p.1	1810	Incorp.	Wesley ME, Cedar Creek Hd.
AR40, p.1	1811	Deed	" " " " " "
AS41, p.434	1828	"	ME, near Washington, Dagsboro Hd.
AT42, p.266	1832	"	ME, on Millroad, Dagsboro Hd.
AT42, p.391	1832	Incorp.	Moore's Chapel ME, Little Ck. Hd.
AU43, p.375	1833	Deed	Milton Presby., Milton
AU43, p.234	1832	"	Canton Church, Cannon's Perry
AV44, p. 24	1833	Incorp.	" " " " " "
AW45, p.400	1835	Deed	Mountmorria MP, Between Laurel & Spring Hill
AZ48, p.242	1838	"	African ME, Dagsboro Hd.
AZ48, p.446	1839	"	Coolspring ME, Broadkill Hd.
AAA49, p. 404	1841	"	Bethel Meeting House, Seaford
AAA49, p.187	1840	"	African ME, Near Georgetown
AAB50, p.337	1840	Incorp.	Boackim Meeting House, Seaford
AAB50, p.464	1842	Deed	Little Creek ME, Laurel
AAB50, p.421	1842	"	" " " " " "
AAB50, p.336	1830	"	Boackim Meeting House, Seaford
AAC51, p.181	1787	Incorp.	Canton ME, Cannon Ferry
AAF54, p.313	1844	Deed	ME Church, near St. Johnstown
AAG55, p.218	1848	"	Little Creek ME Church
AAI57, p.359	1848	"	African Church, Little Creek Hd.
AAK58, p.196	1850	"	MP Church, N.W. Fork Hd.
AAK58, p.320	1849	"	ME Church, Baltimore Hd.
AAL59, p.276	1852	"	Springfield ME
AAL59, p.505	1852	"	Frankford ME
AAM60, p.208	1853	Incorp.	Moore's Chapel ME
AAM60, p.135	1853	Deed	Grace ME, Dagsboro Hd.
AAQ64, p. 306	1857	"	ME Church, near Redden
AAR65, p.400	1858	"	ME Church
AAR65, p.287	1858	"	Laurel Presbyterian
AAR65, p.153	1855	"	Seaford's African ME
AAT67, p.352	1861	"	MP Church, N.W. Fork Hd.
AAU68, p.40	1856	"	Slaughter Neck MP (Col.) Cedar Creek Hd.
AAV69, p.66	1861	"	ME, Little Creek Hd.
AAX71, p.637	1862	"	African ME, Seaford
AAX71, p. 52	1860	"	ME Ch., Little Branch to Seaford Rd.
AAZ73, p.602	1866	Incorp.	1 st Presbyterian Church, Bridgeville

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BC76 p. 199	1867	Deed	African ME, Nanticoke Hd.
BD77 p. 268	1867	"	Lincoln ME, Seaford
BE78 p. 108	1868	"	MP Missionary Society, Little Ck., Hd.
BF79 p. 470	1869	"	Lincoln Presby., Lincoln
BF79 p. 428	1869	Incorp.	St. George's Chapel MP, Indian River Hd.
BF79 p. 436	1869	Deed	African ME, Dagsboro Hd.
BF79 p. 391	1869	"	Lincoln Presby., Lincoln
BH81 p. 307	1869	"	Bridgeville Presbyterian
BH81 p. 259	1870	"	African ME, Broad Kiln Hd. Burton's AME Chapel
BK84 p. 502	1873	"	Union Wesley ME, Baltimore Hd.
BL85 p. 423	1873	"	Staytonville ME, Cedar Ck., Hd.
BL85 p. 19	1873	"	Mt. Mariah MP, Little Ck., Hd.
BM86 p. 425	1874	Incorp.	Mt. Calvary ME
BN87 p. 53	1874	"	Zion ME, Broad Kiln Neck Hd.
BN87 p. 546	1875	"	Mt. Calvary ME, Little Ck., Hd.
BP89 p. 198	1875	Deed	Providence MP, Little Ck. Hd.
BP89 p. 373	1877	Incorp.	Cannon's Chapel ME, Bladesville
BP89 p. 188	1911	"	Mt. Lebanon MP
BR91 p. 87	1879	"	St. George's, Blackwater
BU94 p. 305	1881	Deed	Antioch ME, Frankford
BU94 p. 572	1881	Incorp.	Mount Zion, Ocean View
BU94 p. 453	1880	Deed	Burton's ME, Harbeson, Burton's A.M.E. Chapel
BU94 p. 520	1881	Incorp.	Wallace Chapel, Broad Creek Hd.
BU94 p. 380	1873	Deed	Delmar Church, Delmar
BX97 p. 366	1883	"	Delaware Union Church, Delmar
BBC102 p. 268	1873	"	Dority MP, Broad Ck. Hd.
BBC102 p. 271	1880	"	MP Parsonage, Broad Ck. Hd.
BBG106 p. 518	1887	"	ME Church, near Milton
BBJ109 p.325	1888	"	ME Church, Harbeson
BBL111 p. 456	1887	Incorp.	Cannon's Parsonage ME
BBL111 p. 455	1883	"	Brown's ME, Between Seaford and Bridgeville
BBM112 p. 171	1890	Deed	Gethsemane ME, Reliance
BBN113 p. 537	1889	"	Primitive Baptist, Little Ck., Hd.
BBO114 p. 212	1884	"	Lingo Chapel ME, Baltimore Hd.
BBO114 p. 551	1890	"	Cannon Parsonage, Cannon
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*Ebenezer	ME	Lewes	1788--	218
"	"	Newark	1824--	245
"	"	Delaware City	1834--	248
"	"	Midway	1857-1935	273
"	"(Col.)	Townsend	1865--	357
Ebenezer Missionary	Baptist (Col.)	Wilmington	1931--	56
Edgemoor	ME	Edgemoor	1884-1934	312
Eighth Street	Baptist	Wilmington	1894--	49
Elizabeth	AME	Marshallton	1918--	404
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Elm Street	Baptist	Wilmington	1873-1876	27
Elsmere	Presby.	Elsmere	1889--	512
*Elzy Moore's	ME	Laurel	1809--	231
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"	"	Laurel	1889--	321
"	"	Rehoboth	1899--	329
"	"	Greenwood	1906--	334
Ezion	"(Col.)	Wilmington	1805--	348
Ezion Fair	Baptist (Col.)	"	1922--	55
Faith	MP	Redden	1898-1936	461
Faith Theological Seminary	Presby	Wilmington	1937--	521A
Felton	ME	Felton	1850--	262
"	Presby	"	1860-1930	507
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"	Baptist	Dover	1850--	28
"	"	New Castle	1876--	34
"	"	Delmar	1883--	37
"	"	Holloway Terrace	1921--	43
"	"(Col.)	Georgetown	1922--	61
"	Chr. Sci.	Wilmington	1898--	132
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* "	Presby.	Odessa	1708--	482
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*Foundation, Inc. Church School	PE	Middletown	1920--	571
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"	ME	Smyrna	1782--	212
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*George's Creek	Friends	Odessa	1707-1830	150
Georgetown	MP	Georgetown	1891--	457
"	Presby.	"	1859--	507
German	Baptist	Wilmington	1856--	45
Gethsemane	MP	Reliance	1851--	441
Gibbs Chapel	Pentecos. (Col.)	Hartly	1929--	470
Glasgow	ME	Glasgow	1887--	318
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" " "	Undenom.	Milford	1933--	586
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*Good Shepherd	PE	"	1887--	524
*Goodwill Industries	ME	"	1921--	345
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"	"	Millsboro	1874--	301
"	AMEZ	Wilmington	1877--	419
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"	PE	Talleyville	1835--	546
*Grace Sunday School No. 2	ME	Wilmington	1863--	281
Grant's	AME	"	1902--	400
Greek	E. Ortho.	"	1920--	144
*Greek, St. Michael the Archangel	" "	"	1905--	143
*Greek, St. Nicholas Ukrainian	Catholic	"	1909--	130
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Gumboro	ME	Gumboro	1870--	293
*Hachnosas Orchim	Jewish	Wilmington	1902--	177
*Hager's Tabernacle	Spirit	"	1930--	579
Hanover	Presby.	"	1774--	496
Harmony	ME (Col.)	Millsboro	1865--	358
Harrington	"	Harrington	1860--	279
"	MP	"	1880--	450
Harrison Street	ME	Wilmington	1891--	325
Hartly	"	Hartly	1840--	254
Haven	"(Col.)	Wilmington	1876--	36
"	" "	Townsend	1878--	368
*Hazel Bell Mission	Baptist	Hamilton Pk.	1917--	41
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*Indian River	Presby.	Millsboro	1763-1907	493
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*Johnson's Society	ME	Georgetown	1853--	268
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*Lincoln Street Mission	Baptist	Wilmington	1887--	39
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" "	ME	" "	1884--	314
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Milton	MP	Milton	1857--	442
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*Mispillion	PE	Milford	1704--	531
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"	RUAME	Wilmington	1855--	417
Motherkill	Friends	Dover	1712-1830	153
Mt. Bethel	Baptist	Wilmington	1914--	52
Mt. Calvary	"	Middletown	1932--	62
"	ME (Col.)	Portsville	1900--	378
"	AME	Concord	1872--	391
Mt. Carmel	ME	Wilmington	1923--	381
Mt. Enon	Baptist (Col.)	"	1891--	48
"	"	Milford	1897--	50
Milton	Presby.	Milton	1833-1865	501

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Mt. Hermon	MP	Columbia	1877--	447
Mt. Joy	ME (Col.)	Wilmington	1882--	371
Mt. Lebanon	"	Rockland	1774--	201
* " "	MP	Portsville	1830--	435
Mt. Nebo	AME	Columbia	1903--	401
Mt. Olive	MP	Delmar	1889--	454
Mt. Olivet	Brethren	Georgetown	1922--	66
" "	MP	Seaford	1847--	440
Mt. Pisgah	AME	Laurel	1867--	388
" "	UAME	Summit Bridge	1820--	408
" "	AUMP	Wilmington	1903--	433
Mt. Pleasant	ME	Laurel	1780--	210
" "	"	Holly Oak	18381931	252
" "	" (Col.)	Christiana	1884--	373
" "	AME	Rehoboth	1883--	396
Mt. Salem	ME	Wilmington	1847--	259
" "	"	New Castle	1856--	354
" "	UAME	Delaware City	1846--	409
* "S. S.	ME	Wilmington	1871-1925	297
Mt. Vernon	" (Col.)	"	1914--	421
Mt. Zion	Baptist (Col.)	"	1921--	54
* " "	Disc. Of Ch.	Ocean View	1899--	142
" "	Holiness (Col.)	Wilmington	1935--	174
" "	ME	Laurel	1809--	231
* " "	"	Odessa	1831--	247
" "	" (Col.)	Lincoln	1868--	376
" "	AME	Dover	1872--	392
" "	"	Ellendale	1906--	402
" "	UAME	Newark	1869--	411
" "	AUMP	Wilmington	1890--	432
*Murderkill	Friends	Dover	1712-1830	153
Murderkill of Double Run	Presby.		1714-1818	488
*Murray's	AUMP	Wilmington	1890-1902	432
Nazarene	Ch. of Naz.	Harrington	1907--	136
" "	"	Smyrna	1931--	139
*Nazareth	ME	New Castle	1820--	242
Neighborhood House, Mary Todd Gambrill	ME	Wilmington	1927--	346
Newark	Friends	Newark	1686--	148
" "	ME	"	1812--	234
*Newark Academy	Presby.	"	1767--	493
Newark Union	ME	Wilmington	1845--	258
New Castle	Friends	New Castle	1684-1758	146
" "	ME	" "	1820--	242
* " "	AUAME	" "	1817--	416
" "	Presby.	" "	1698--	484
New Castle Presbytery	"	" "	1717--	477
*New Hope	Baptist (Col.)	Wilmington	1917--	53
*New Londonderry	Presby.		1717--	478
New Market	ME	Ellendale	1851-1930	263
Newport	"	Newport	1796--	221
*New Side Presbytery	Presby.		1717--	478
New Zion	ME (Col.)	Laurel	1884--	374
" "	AME	Townsend	1925--	405
North	Baptist	Wilmington	1887--	39

<u>Name</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Entry No.</u>
Northwest Dover	Mennonite	Dover	1928--	194
Oakley	MP	Oakley	1900-1931	462
Oblate Chapel	Catholic	Wilmington	1903--	109
Ocean View	Presby.	Ocean View	1856--	506 515
Old St. Anne's	PE	Middletown	1704-1872	533
Old St. Peter's	AUMP	Wilmington	1875--	430
Olivet	Presby.	"	1866--	508
Omar	ME	Frankford	1900-1924	330
Orphanage of the Mater Admirabilis	Catholic	Ogletown	1931--	127
Ott's Cemetery and Chapel	Undenom.	Iron Hill, Md.	1871--	583
Our Mother of Mercy	Catholic	Belvedere	1928--	125
Pencader	Presby.	Glasgow	1710--	520
*Peniel	ME	Newport	1796--	221
Peninsula	MP	Wilmington	1920--	466
People's	Baptist	Hamilton Park	1917--	41
"	Cong.	Dover	1909--	140
*Pigeon House	MP	Wilmington	1813--	424
*Pigeon Run	Presby.	Glasgow	1702--	481
Pilgrim	Baptist (Col.)	Newark	1913--	51
"	Holiness	Laurel	1921--	163
"	"	Dover	1924--	164
"	"	S. Milford	1925--	165
"	"	Milton	1926--	166
"	"	Roxanna	1928--	167
"	"	Gumboro	1935--	168
Pilgrims	"	Wilmington	1930--	170
*Piney Grove	MP	Georgetown	1861--	443
*Plank, West Camden	ME	Wyoming	1865--	285
Plymouth	Baptist	Plymouth	1867-1873	31
* "	AMEZ	Wilmington	1877--	419
Polish	Baptist	"	1910-1937	36
Pontifical Society	Catholic	"	1868--	69
Portsville	MP	Portsville	1830--	435
Primitive	Baptist	Wilmington	1785--	20
"	"	Delmar	1882--	23
"	" (Col.)	Wilmington	1932-1936	24
Prince George's	PE	Dagsboro	1706--	536
Prospect	ME	Vernon	1834--	249
"	AME	Georgetown	1868--	387
Providence	MP	"	1861--	443
Quarterly Conference	"	"	1921--	434
Red Clay Creek	Presby.	Marshallton	1722--	487
Redeemer, Church of the	Ref. Ep.	Wilmington	1881-1899	574
*Reed's	ME	Georgetown	1859--	277
Reformed	RUAME	New Castle	1817--	416
Rehoboth	Presby.;	Midway	18545--	505
Rehoboth Beach Camp Meeting Assn.	ME	Rehoboth	1871-1891	298
Reynold's	MP	Milton	1870--	446
Richardson Park	ME	Richardson Park	1907--	337
Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home	ME	Wilmington	1913--	341

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Riddle Memorial S.S.	ME	Wilmington	1871-1925	297
Ringold	AME	Armstrong	1912--	403
Rising Zion	Baptist (Col.)	Wilmington	1933-1935	63
*Rockland	Presby.	Rockland	1844--	501
*Rodney Street	"	Wilmington	1886--	511
*Russian Orthodox, St. Michael				
The Archangel	E. Ortho.	"	1905--	143
*Ruthenian Greek	Catholic	"	1909--	130
St. Agnes	"	Rehoboth	1905--	111
"	"	"	1912--	114
St. Andrew's	PE	Wilmington	1815--	545
"	"	Ellis Grove	1880--	559
" School	"	Middletown	1920—	571
St. Anna's	"	"	1872--	534
" , Old	"	"	1704-1872	533
St. Ann's	Catholic	Wilmington	1868--	86
"	PE	Harrington	1876--	558
St. Ann's School	Catholic	Wilmington	1899--	87
St. Anthony of Padua	"	"	1924--	121
St. Anthony of Padua Kindergarten	"	"	1933--	122
St. Barnabas	PE	Marshallton	1890--	562
St. Daniel's	UAME	Iron Hill, Md.	1813--	407
"	AMEZ	Wilmington	1917--	420
St. Elizabeth's	Catholic	"	1908--	115
St. Elizabeth's School	"	"	"	116
St. Francis Hospital	"	"	1923--	120
St. George's	ME	Laurel	1842--	256
"	"	St. George's	1852--	265
"	AME	Lewes	1878--	393
"	Presby.	St. George's	1742--	492
"	PE	Angola	1719--	539
St. Hedwig's	Catholic	Wilmington	1887--	98
St. Hedwig's School	"	"	1897--	99
St. Helena's	"	Bellefonte	1936--	129
*St. James'	"	Wilmington	1868--	86
* "	ME	Brack-Ex	1914--	342
"	" (Col.)	St. George's	1886--	375
"	AUMP	Wilmington	1868--	429
"	PE	Stanton	1716--	538
"	"	Newport	1854--	554
St. James Protectory	Catholic	Delaware City	1879--	70
St. John's	"	Hockessin	1884--	97
"	"	Milford	1907--	113
"	Lutheran	Dover	1916--	189
"	ME	Seaford	1818--	239
"	"	Georgetown	1853--	268
"	AMEX	Laurel	1870--	418
"	AUMP	Newark	1850--	427
"	PE	Wilmington	1857--	523
"	"	Little Hill	1811--	544
*St. Johns Holy	Pentecos. (Col.)	Hartly	1929--	470
St. John the Baptist	Catholic	Newark	1850--	80
" " " "	PE	Milton	1728	540

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St. Johnstown	ME	Greenwood	1779--	205
St. Joseph's	Catholic	Henry Clay	1841--	78
"	"	Middletown	1875--	92
"	" (Col).	Wilmington	1889--	100
"	"	Clayton	1895--	105
St. Joseph's Industrial School	" (Col).	"	1895--	104
St. Joseph's Parochial School	"	Henry Clay	1850--	79
St. Joseph's Parochial School	" (Col.)	Wilmington	1890--	101
St. Luke's	PE	Seaford	1835--	547
"	Ref. Epis.	Wilmington	1878--	573
St. Mark's	PE	Millsboro	1845--	550
"	"	Columbia	1857--	556
St. Martin's	"	Kenton	1908--	530
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception	Catholic	Wilmington	1857--	82
St. Mary's	"	Hockessin	1772-1884	75
"	PE	Townsend	1900-1937	535
"	"	Seaford	?-1791	542
"	"	Bridgeville	1889--	561
*St. Mary's College	Catholic	Wilmington	1857--	84
St. Mary's Parochial School	"	"	1867--	83
St. Matthew's	PE (Col).	"	1892--	565
St. Michael's	"	"	1906-1914	570
St. Michael's Home for Babies	"	"	1894--	567
" " " " "	" (Col.)	"	1919--	568
St. Michael, Archangel	E. Ortho.	"	1905--	143
St. Nicholas Ukrainian Greek	Catholic	"	1909--	130
*St. Patrick's	"	Newark	1850--	80
" "	"	Wilmington	1881--	93
" "	"	Ashland	1881--	96
St. Patrick's Monastery	"	Wilmington	1931--	126
St. Patrick's School	"	"	1888--	94
St. Paul's	"	Delaware City	1852--	81
" "	"	Wilmington	1870--	89
" "	Lutheran	Rising Sun	1900-1915	188
" "	ME	Odessa	1831--	247
" "	"	Wilmington	1844--	257
" "	"	Clayton	1887--	319
" "	"	Dover	1892--	327
" "	" (Col.)	Kirkwood	1858--	355
" "	" "	Milford	1872--	365
" "	" "	Lewes	1882--	372
" "	UAME	Wilmington	1887--	412
" "	"	Smyrna	1899--	414
" "	AUMP	Wilmington	1856--	428
" "	MP	Laurel	1864--	444
" "	PE	Camden	1891--	529
" "	"	Georgetown	1794--	543
" "	C. Spirit.	Wilmington	1937--	578
*St. Paul's Mission School	ME	"	1863	281
* " " " "	"	"	1872--	299

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St. Paul's School	Catholic	Wilmington	1887--	90
St. Peter and Paul	E. Ortho.	"	1926--	145
St. Peter's	Catholic	"	1816--	73
" "	"	New Castle	1806--	76
" "	ME (Col.)	Delaware City	1870--	362
" "	"	Wilmington	1921-1937	380
* " "	AUMP	"	1875	430
" "	PE	Lewes	1708--	537
" "	"	Smyrna	1740--	541
St. Peter's Female Orphan Asylum	Catholic	Wilmington	1830--	68
St. Peter's School	"	"	1839--	74
" " "	"	New Castle	1906--	77
St. Phillips	CME	Wilmington	1930--	422
" "	PE	Laurel	1850--	553
St. Stanislaus Kostka's	Catholic	Wilmington	1913--	117
" " " School	"	"	1914--	118
St. Stephen's	Lutheran	"	1888--	186
" "	PE	Harrington	1876--	558
St. Thomas'	Catholic	Wilmington	1902--	106
" "	ME	Shortley	1800--	223
" "	AUMP	Glasgow	1827--	426
" "	PE	Newark	18442--	548
St. Thomas' School	Catholic	Wilmington	1905--	107
Sacred Heart	"	"	1857--	84
Sacred Heart School	"	"	1874--	85
Salem	ME	Christiana	1787--	217
" "	"	Selbyville	1790--	220
" "	"	Farmington	1816--	237
" "	MP	Thomas' Corner	1842-1927	438
Salesianum High School	Catholic	Wilmington	1903--	108
Salvation Army	Undenom.	"	1890--	575
Sand hill	ME	Georgetown	1859	277
*Sandy Branch	"	Selbyville	1790--	220
*Sarah E. Griest Unity	Spirit.	Wilmington	1929--	577
*Sardis	ME	Thompsonville	1790--	219
*Savannah	PE	Milford	1704--	530
*School Foundation	"	Middletown	1920--	571
Scott	ME	Wilmington	1851	264
" "	"	Blackbird	1864	282
" "	"	Rehoboth	1874-1913	302
Second	Baptist	Wilmington	1814-1915	22
" "	Baptist	"	1835--	26
* " "	Presby.	"	1774--	496
*Second Presbytery	Presby.	"	1717--	477
Seventh Day	Advent. (Col)	Cheswold	1896--	4
" "	" (")	Wilmington	1912--	5
" "	" (")	Dover	1920--	7
" "	" (")	Millsboro	1922	8
*Seventh Street	ME	Wilmington	1851--	264
Shiloh	Bap. (Col)	"	1875--	47
" "	MP	Laurel	1880--	451
Shorter's	AME	Wilmington	1891--	399

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Silent Mission	PE	Wilmington	1890--	563
Siloam	ME	Milford	1865--	284
Silverbrock	"	Wilmington	1881--	309
Simpson	" (Col.)	Newport	1864--	356
Slaughter Neck	"	Milford	1856--	271
Smith Mills	Baptist	Delmar	1790--	21
Society of the New Jerusalem	Swedborg.	Wilmington	1824--	580
Sound	ME	Selbyville	1784--	214
Sounds	Baptist	Sounds	1779-?	17
Southwest Dover	Mennonite	Dover	1929--	195
Stanton	Friends	Stanton	1772-?	159
"	ME	"	1866--	288
Star of Bethlehem	AUMP	Newport	1805--	425
Summit Bridge	ME	Summit Bridge	1868--	289
Sunday Breakfast Mission	Undenom.	Wilmington	1805--	591
*Swedish First	Baptist	"	1873--	33
* " "	ME	"	1881--	308
Sweet Pilgrim	Baptist (Col.)	"	1936--	58
Synod of Delaware	Presby.	"	1834 (defunct)	476
Tabernacle	Baptist (Col.)	"	1917--	53
Thawley's	ME	Hickman	1884--	315
Thomas'	"	Dover	1779--	204
*Three Run	Presby.	Milford	1849--	485
Todd	ME	Adamsville	1801--	224
Tressler	Mennonite	Greenwood	1934--	197
Trinity	ME	Frederica	1812—	235
"	"	Bridgeville	1836--	250
"	"	Wilmington	1905--	332
"	AME	Middletown	1884--	397
"	MP	Laurel	1866--	445
"	PE	Wilmington	1830--	526
"	"	Clayton	1891--	564
Trinity Holy	Baptist (Col.)	Wilmington	1933--	64
*Trinity Memorial	PE	Marshallton	1890--	562
Triumph	Holiness (Col.)	Wilmington	1926--	169
True Vine Holy	Pentecos. (Col.)	"	1924--	469
*Ukrainian, St. Nicholas	Catholic	"	1909--	130
*Ukrainian, St. Peter and Paul	E. Ortho.	"	1926--	145
Union	ME	Blackbird	1782--	213
"	"	Bridgeville	1801--	226
"	"	Wilmington	1847--	260
* "	"	Marshallton	1885--	316
* "	UAME	Summit Bridge	1820--	406
* "	UAME	Christiana	1850--	410
* "	RUAME	Wilmington	1855--	417
* "	AUMP	"	1813--	424
*Union S. S.	ME	"	1851--	264
* " " "	"	Marshallton	1885--	316
United Baptist Convention	Baptist (Col.)	Wilmington	1932--	46
United House of Prayer	Holiness (Col.)	"	1933--	172
Unity	ME	Fairmount	1810--	232
"	Spirit	Wilmington	1929--	577
Universal Hagar's	" (Col.)	"	1930--	579

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University of Delaware	Presby.	Newark	1743--	493
Ursuline Academy	Catholic	Wilmington	1893--	103
Village	Presby.	Newark	1835-1860	502
*Vines Neck	MP	Dagsboro	1890--	455
Viola	ME	Viola	1886--	317
Volunteers of America	Undenom.	Wilmington	1914--	582
Washington Heights	"	"	1905-1908	333
Water's New Zion	" (Col.)	Laurel	1884--	374
Welfare Guild	Catholic	Wilmington	1932--	72
*Welsh Tract	UAME	Summit Bridge	1820--	408
" "	Baptist	Newark	1701--	15
Wesley	ME	Dover	1778--	203
"	"	Georgetown	1779--	206
* "	"	Laurel	1809--	231
"	"	Seaford	1861--	280
"	" (Col)	Milford	1853--	353
"	" (")	Nassau	1872--	364
"	" (")	Clarksville	1868--	360
Wesley Collegiate Inst.	"	Dover	1873-1932	300
Wesleyan	Ch. of Naz.	Laurel	1926--	138
West	Presby.	Wilmington	1868--	509
Westminster	"	"	1886--	511
"	"	Rehoboth	1931--	511
Westwood	ME	Gumboro	1890--	324
Whatcoat	"	Camden	1796--	222
"	" (Col)	Dover	1852--	351
White's	"	Nassau	1838--	253
*White Clay Creek	Friends	Stanton	1772--	159
* " " "	Presby.	Newark	1721--	486
Whitleysburg	Advent.	Whitleysburg	1890--	2
*Whittington	ME (Col)	Wilmington	1882--	371
*Williams	"	Selbyville	1784--	214
Willow Grove	"	Willow Grove	1823--	244
Wilmington Annual Conference	"		1869--	199
Wilmington	Brethren	Richardson Park	1915--	65
"	Friends	Wilmington	1738--	156
"	"	"	1827--	161
" Ortho.		"	1935--	415
" Conference	RUAME		1873-1932	300
* " Academy	ME	Dover		
" Council of Churches				1
" , Diocese of	Catholic	Wilmington	1868--	67
" Goodwill Ind.	ME	"	1921--	345
" Presbytery	Presby.	"	1833-70	482
Woodside	ME	Woodside	1889--	322
Wyoming	"	Wyoming	1865--	285
Y.M. and Y.W.H.A.	Jewish	Wilmington	1902--	178
Y.M.C.A.	Undenom.	"	1889--	588
Y.W.C.A.	"	"	1895--	589
Y.W.C.A. (Col)	"	"	1935--	590
Zion	ME	Milton	1818--	240
"	ME	Roxanna	1874--	303
"	AME	Port Penn	1834--	383
*Zion's	ME	Laurel	1803--	228
Zion's German	Lutheran	Wilmington	1848--	185
Zoar	ME	Georgetown	1802--	227
"	" (Col)	Odessa	1845--	350
"	" (")	Selbyville	1892--	377

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Adamsville, Todd	Kent Co.	ME	1801--	224
Andrewsville, Bethel	Kent Co.	MP	1838--	437
Angola, Connelly's	Sussex Co.	ME	1837--	251
St. George's		PE	1719--	539
Armstrong, Ringold	New Castle Co.	AME	1912--	403
Ashland, St. Patrick's	New Castle Co.	Catholic	1881--	96
Bear, Lebanon	New Castle Co.	ME	1819--	241
Bellefonte, St. Helena's	New Castle Co.	Catholic	1936--	129
Bellefonte		ME	1920--	344
Belvedere, Alfa	New Castle Co.	Baptist	1917--	60
Our Mother of Mercy		Catholic	1928--	125
Bethel, Bethel	Sussex Co.	ME	1884--	313
Blackbird, Union	New Castle Co.	ME	1782--	213
Scott		ME	1864--	282
Blades, Blades	Sussex Co.	ME	1870--	291
Brack-Ex, Brack-Ex	New Castle Co.	ME	1915--	342
Brandywine Hundred Chester Bethel	New Castle Co.	ME	1780--	209
Bridgeville Union	Sussex Co.	ME	1801--	225
Trinity		ME	1836--	250
Chaplain's		ME	1860--	278
St. Mary's		PE	1889--	561
Buttonwood, Buttonwood	New Castle Co	ME	1915--	379
Camden, Camden	Kent Co.	Friends	1788--	160
Whatcoat		ME	1796--	222
Camden Union Camp		ME	1859-1900	276
St. Paul's		PE	1891--	529
Cannon, Cannon	Sussex Co.	MP	1902--	463

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Canterbury,	Kent Co.		
Bethesda	ME	1780--	208
Cedars,	New Castle Co.		
Cedars	ME	1905--	331
Centerville,	New Castle Co		
Centre	Friends	1687--	149
Lower Brandywine	Presby	1720--	485
Cheswold,	Kent Co.		
Seventh Day	Advent.	1896--	4
Cheswold	ME	1892--	326
Little Union	ME (Col.)	1881--	369
Manship	ME (Col.)	1881--	370
Christiana,	New Castle Co.		
Salem	ME	1787--	217
Christiana	ME	1827--	246
Mt. Pleasant	ME (Col.)	1884--	373
Union Amer. (Old Fort)	UAME	1850--	410
Christiana	Presby.	1732--	489
Christiana Hundred,	New Castle Col		
Christ	PE	1848--	552
Clarksville,	Sussex Co.		
Wesley	ME (Col.)	1868--	360
Claymont,	New Castle Co.		
Holy Rosary	Catholic	1921--	119
Archmere Academy	Catholic	1933--	128
Atonement	ME	1866--	286
Ascension	PE	1843--	549
Clayton,	Kent Co.		
St. Joseph's Ind.	Catholic	1895--	104
St. Joseph's	Catholic	1895--	105
St. Paul's	ME	1887--	319
Trinity	PE	1891--	564
Columbia,	Sussex Co.		
Mt. Nebo	AME	1903--	401
Mt. Harmon	MP	1877--	447
St. Marks	PE	1857--	556
Concord,	Sussex Co.		
Concord	ME	1804--	230
Mt. Calvary	AME	1872--	391
Congo Town,	New Castle Co.		
Zion	AME	1834--	383
Cool Spring,	Sussex		
Cool Spring	Friends	1720-1817	154
Cool Spring	Presby.	1726--	488
Dagsboro,	Sussex Co.		
Bethel	ME	1882--	310
Dagsboro	MP	1890--	455
Prince George's	PE	1706--	536
Delaware City,	New Castle Co.		
St. James' Protectory	Catholic	1879--	70
St. Paul's	Catholic	1852--	81
Ebenezer	ME	1834--	248
St. Peter's	ME	1870--	362

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Fieldsboro,	New Castle			
Lee's Chapel		ME (Col.)	1869--	349
Frankford,	Sussex Co.			
Antioch		ME	1853--	266
Omar		ME	1900-1924	330
Antioch		AME	1856--	386
Blackwater		Presby.	1763-1907	495
Frankford		"	1878--	510
Frederica,	Kent Co.			
Barratt's		ME	1780--	207
Trinity		"	1812--	235
Big Union		"	1852--	352
Georgetown,	Sussex Co.			
First		Baptist	1922--	61
Mt. Olivet		Brethren	1922--	66
Wesley		ME	1779--	206
Zoar		"	1802--	227
Cokesbury		"	1803--	229
Asbury		"	1812--	233
St. John's		"	1853--	268
Sand Hill		"	1859--	277
Prospect		AME	1868--	387
Providence		MP	1861--	443
Hebron		"	1888--	453
Georgetown		"	1891--	457
"		Presby.	1859--	506
St. Paul's		PE	1794--	543
Glasgow,	New Castle Co.			
Glasgow		ME	1887--	318
St. Thomas		AUMP	1827--	426
Pencader		Presby.	1710--	520
Greenwood,	Sussex Co.			
Greenwood		Mennonite	1913--	191
Tressler		"	1934--	197
St. Johnstown		ME	1779--	205
Greenwood		ME	1881--	307
Epworth		ME	1906--	334
Greenwood		MP	1880--	449
Gumboro,	Sussex Co.			
Pilgrim		Holiness	1935--	168
Bethel		ME	1855--	270
Gumboro		"	1870--	293
Westwood		"	1890--	324
Hamilton Park	New Castle Co.			
People's		Baptist	1917--	41
Harbeson,	Sussex Co.			
Beaver Dam		MP	1844--	439
Hares Corner,	New Castle Co.			
Bethel		Baptist	1780-1871	18
Harrington,	Kent Co.			
Nazarene		Ch. of Naz.	1907--	136

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Mount Salem	UAME	1846--	409
First	Presby.	1835--	498
Christ	PE	1848--	561
Delmar,	Sussex Co		
Smith Mills	Baptist	1790--	21
Primitive	"	1882--	23
First	"	1883--	37
Delmar	ME	1867--	287
Mt. Olive	MP	1889--	454
All Saints	PE	1896--	569
Dover,	Kent Co.		
Dover Number One	Advent.	1917--	6
Seventh Day	"	1920--	7
First	Baptist	1850--	28
Calvary	" (Col.)	1885--	38
Holy Cross	Catholic	1870--	91
Peoples	Cong.	1909--	140
Motherkill (Murderkill)	Friends	1712-1830	153
Pilgrim	Holiness	1924--	164
St. John's	Lutheran	1916--	189
East Dover	Mennonite	1914--	192
Mennonite School	"	1924--	193
Northwest Dover	"	1928--	194
Southwest Dover	"	1929--	195
Wesley	ME	1778--	203
Thomas' Chapel	"	1779--	204
Wesley Collegiate Inst.	"	1873-1932	300
St. Paul's	"	1892--	327
Whatcoat	" (Col.)	1852--	351
Mt. Zion	AME	1872--	392
Dover	MP	1890--	456
Dover	Presby.	1714--	484
Christ	PE	1703--	528
Edgemoor,	New Castle Co.		
Edgemoor	ME	1884--	312
Ellendale,	Sussex Co.		
New Market	ME	1851-1930	263
Ellendale	"	1853--	267
Mt. Zion	AME	1906--	402
Ellis Grove,	Sussex Col		
St. Andrew's	PE	1880--	559
Elsmere,	New Castle Co.		
Elsmere	Presby.	1889--	512
Fairmount,	Sussex Col		
Unity	ME	1810--	232
Indian Mission	MP	1881--	452
Farmington,	Kent Co.		
Salem	ME	1816--	237
Felton,	Kent Co.		
Felton	ME	1850--	262
"	Presby	1860-1930	507

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Harrington		ME	1860--	279
"		MP	1880--	450
St. Stephen's		PE	1876--	558
Hartly,	Kent Co.			
Hartly		ME	1840--	254
Gibbs Chapel		Pentecos. (Col.)	1929--	470
St. Martin's		PE	1908--	530
Henry Clay,	New Castle Co.			
St. Joseph's		Catholic	1841--	78
St. Joseph's School		"	1850--	79
Hickman,	Kent Co.			
Thawley's		ME	1884--	315
Hickory Hill,	Sussex Co.			
Houston		ME	1876--	304
Hillcrest,	New Castle Co.			
Hillcrest		ME	1909--	339
Calvary		PE	1855--	555
Hockessin,	New Castle Co.			
St. Mary's		Catholic	1772-1884	75
St. John's		"	1884--	97
Hockessin		Friends	1730--	155
"		ME	1881--	306
Chippey		AUMP	1886--	431
Holloway Terrace,	New Castle Co.			
First		Baptist	1921--	43
Holly Oak,	New Castle Co.			
Mt. Pleasant		ME	1838-1931	252
Holly Oak		"	1916--	343
Homestead,	New Castle Co.			
Elizabeth		AME	1918--	404
Indian River,	Sussex Co.			
St. George's		PE	1719--	539
Iron Hill, Md.				
St. Daniel's		UAME	1813--	407
Ott's Chapel		Undenom.	1871--	583
Kenton,	Kent Co.			
Brynzion		Baptist	1733--	16
Kenton		ME	1818--	238
Kirkwood,	New Castle Co.			
Kirkwood		ME	1896--	328
St. Paul's		ME (Col.)	1858--	355
Laurel,	Sussex Co.			
Broad Creek		Baptist	1781--	19
Wesleyan		Ch. of Naz.	1926--	138
Pilgrim		Holiness	1921--	163
Mt. Pleasant		ME	1780--	210
Centenary		ME	1803--	228
Mount Zion		ME	1809--	231
Dulansy's		ME	1842--	255
St. George's		ME	1842--	256
King's		ME	1880--	305
Epworth		ME	1889--	321

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Bethany		ME	1913--	340
Water's New Zion		ME (Col.)	1884--	374
Mt. Pisgah		AME	1867--	388
St. John's		AMEZ	1870--	418
Christ		MP	1831--	436
St. Paul's		MP	1864--	444
Trinity		MP	1866--	445
Shiloh		MP	1880--	451
Horsey Grove		MP	1895--	459
Christ		PE	1704--	532
St. Philip's		PE	1850--	553
Lewes,	Sussex Co.			
Full Gospel Mission		Assem. of G.	1934--	14
Lewes Weekly		Friends	1712-1800	152
Lewes		ME	1788--	218
St. Paul's		"	1882--	372
St. George's		AME	1878--	393
Groom's		MP	1906--	464
Lewes		Presby.	1689--	480
St. Peter's		PE	1708--	537
Lincoln,	Sussex Co.			
Lincoln		ME	1869--	290
Mt. Zion		ME (Col.)	1886--	376
Little Creek,	Kent Co.			
Little Creek		Friends	1710-1888	151
" "		ME	1884--	314
Little Hill,	Sussex Co.			
St. John's		PE	1811--	544
Long Neck,	Sussex Co.			
Central		ME	1870-1933	292
Lowes Crossroads,	Sussex Co.			
Bethany		ME	1913--	340
Magnolia,	Kent Co.			
Bethberi		ME	1855--	269
Marshallton,	New Castle			
Marshallton		ME	1885--	316
Elisabeth		AME	1918--	404
Red Clay Creek		Presby.	1722--	487
St. Barnabas		PE	1890--	562
Marydel. Md.				
Thomas' Chapel		ME	1779--	204
Masten's Corner,	Kent Co.			
Masten		ME	1870--	294
Middletown,	New Castle Co.			
Mt. Calvary		Baptist	1932--	62
St. Joseph's		Catholic	1875--	92
Bethesda		ME	1822--	243
Dale's		ME (Col.)	1869--	361
Trinity		AME	1884--	397
Forest		Presby.	1750--	494
Grace		"	1938--	519
Old St. Anne's		PE	1704--	533
St. Anne's		PE	1872--	534
St. Andrew's		PE	1920--	571

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Midway	Sussex Co.			
Ebenezer		ME	1857-1935	273
Rehoboth		Presby.	1854--	503
Milford	Kent & Sussex Co.			
Milford		Baptist	1873--	32
Mt. Enon		Baptist.	1897--	50
St. John's		Catholic	1907--	113
Milford		Friends	1760-1832	158
Avenue		ME	1777--	202
Slaughter Neck		ME	1856--	271
Siloam		ME	1865--	284
Wesley		ME	1853--	353
St. Paul's		ME (Col.)	1872--	365
Bethel		AME	1870--	390
Central		MP	1895-1934	458
First		MP	1910--	465
"		Presby.	1849--	502
Christ		PE	1704--	531
Church of God		Undenom.	1933	586
Millsboro,	Sussex Co.			
Seventh Day		Advent.	1922--	8
Grace		ME	1874--	301
Carey's		ME	1882--	311
Harmony		ME (Col.)	1865--	358
Friendship		ME (Col.)	1870--	363
Dickerson		AME	1868--	389
Blackwater		Presby.	1763-1907	
St. Mark's		PE	1845--	550
Milton,	Sussex Co.			
First		Cong.	1927--	141
Pilgrim		Holiness	1926--	168
Goshen		ME	1802--	226
Zion		ME	1818--	240
Bethel		AME	1880--	395
Milton		MP	1875--	442
Reynold's		MP	1870--	446
St. John's the Baptist		PE	1728--	540
Millville,	Sussex Co.			
Millville		ME	1907--	336
"		MP	1895-1916	460
Minquadale,	New Castle Co.			
Minquadale Mission		Baptist	1923--	42
Montchanin,	New Castle Co.			
Christ		PE	1848--	552
Nassau,	Sussex Co.			
White's		ME	1838--	253
Israel		ME (Col.)	1865--	359
Wesley		ME	1872--	364
New Castle	New Castle Co.			
First		Baptist	1876--	34
St. Peter's		Catholic	1806--	76
St. Peter's School		Catholic	1906--	77
New Castle		Friends	1684-1758	146
New Castle		ME	1820--	242
Mt. Salem		ME (Col.)	1856--	354

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Reformed		RUAME	1817--	416
New Castle		Presby.	1702--	481
Immanuel		PE	1703--	527
Dutch		Ref. Ch.	1657-90	572
Newark	New Castle Co.			
Grace Pentecostal		Assem. of God	1934--	13
Welsh Tract		Baptist	1701--	15
Pilgrim		" (Col.)	1913--	51
St. John the Baptist		Catholic	1850--	80
Mater Admirabilis, Orph.		"	1931--	127
Newark		ME	1812--	234
Ebenezer		"	1824--	245
Mount Zion		UAME	1869--	411
St. John's		AUMP	1850--	427
Head of Christiana		Presby.	1708--	483
White Clay Creek		Presby.	1721--	486
Delaware University		Presby.	1743--	493
Village		Presby.	1835-1860	499
First		Presby.	1839--	500
St. Thomas"		PE	1842--	548
Newport,	New Castle Co.			
Newport		ME	1796--	221
Simpson		ME (Col.)	1864--	356
Star of Bethlehem		AUMP	1805--	425
St. James		PE	1854--	554
Oak Grove,	Sussex Co.			
Bethel		ME	1781--	211
Oakley,	Sussex Co.			
Oakley		MP	1900-1931	462
Ocean View,	Sussex Co.			
Christ		Disc. Of G.	1899--	142
Bethel		ME	1859--	275
Ocean View		Presby.	1856--	505 515
Odessa,	New Castle			
Appoquinimink		Friends	1707-1830	150
St. Paul's		ME	1831--	247
Zoar		ME (Col.)	1845--	350
Drawyer's		Presby.	1708--	482
Friends of Old Drawyer's		Presby.	1895--	514
Ogletown,	New Castle			
Mater Admirabilis, Orph.		Catholic	1931--	127
Pine Tree Crossroad,	New Castle Co.			
Lee's		ME (Col.)	1824--	349
Plymouth,	Kent Co.			
Plymouth		Baptist	1867-1873	31
Port Penn,	New Castle Co.			
Zion		AME	1834--	383
First		Presby.	1834--	497
Portsville,	Sussex Co.			
Mt. Calvary		ME (Col.)	1900--	378
Portsville		MP	1830--	435
Red Lion,	New Castle Co.			
Lebanon		ME	1819--	241

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Redden,	Sussex Co.			
McColley's		ME	1858--	274
Faith		MP	1898-1936	461
Rehoboth,	Sussex Co.			
St. Agnes		Catholic	1905--	111
" "		Catholic	1912--	114
Rehoboth Camp Meeting		ME	1871-1891	298
Scott		ME	1874-1913	302
Epworth		ME	1899--	329
Mt. Pleasant		AME	1883--	396
Westminster		Presby.	1931--	516
All Saints		PE	1893--	566
Reliance,	Sussex Co.			
Gethsemane		MP	1851--	441
Reybold,	New Castle Co.			
St. James' Protectory		Catholic	1879--	70
Richardson Park,	New Castle Co.			
Wilmington		Brethren	1915--	65
Gospel Herald		Mennonite	1930--	196
Richardson Park		ME	1908	337
Rising Sun,	Kent Co.			
St. Paul's		Lutheran	1900-1915	188
Rockland,	New Castle Co.			
Mt. Lebanon		ME	1774--	201
Roxanna,	Sussex Co.			
Pilgrim		Holiness	1928--	167
Zion		ME	1874--	303
St. Georges,	New Castle Co.			
St. George's		ME	1852--	265
St. James'		ME (Col.)	1886--	375
St. Georges		Presby.	1742--	492
Seaford,	Sussex Co.			
God		Holiness (Col.)	1935--	175
St. John's		ME	1818--	239
Wesley		ME	1861--	280
Macedonia		AME	1879--	394
Mt. Olivet		MP	1847--	440
St. Mary's		PE	?-1791	542
St. Luke's		PE	1835--	547
Selbyville,	Sussex Co.			
Sound		ME	1784--	214
Salem		ME	1790--	220
Zoar		ME (Col.)	1892--	377
Shortley,	Sussex Co.			
St. Thomas'		ME	1800--	223
Smyrna,	Kent Co.			
Church of Nazarene		Ch. of Naz.	1931--	139
Duck Creek		Friends	1686-1830	147
Friendship		ME	1782--	212
Asbury		ME	1786--	216
Centennial		ME (Col.)	1876--	367
Bethel		AME	1836--	384
Massey's		AME	1885--	398

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St. Paul's	UAME (Col.)	1899--	414
Jerman	Wes. M.	1931--	467
Little Mount Olive	Pentecos. (Col.)	1930--	471
First	Presby.	1733--	490
St. Peter's	PE	1740--	541
Sounds,	New Castle Co.		
Sounds	Baptist	1779-- ?	17
South Milford,	Sussex Co.		
First	Chr. Sei.	1920--	135
Pilgrim	Holiness	1925--	165
Stanton,	New Castle Co.		
Stanton	Friends	1772-?	159
"	ME	1866--	288
St. James'	PE	1716--	538
Stockley,	Sussex Co.		
Mt. Olivet	Brethren	1922--	66
Bethesda	ME	1850--	261
Summit, Pa.			
Chester Bethel	ME	1780--	209
Summit Bridge,	New Castle Co.		
Summit Bridge	ME	1868--	289
Mt. Pisgah	UAME (Col.)	1820--	408
Talleyville,	New Castle Co.		
Grace	PE	1835--	546
Thomas' Corner	New Castle Co.		
Salem	MP	1842-1927	438
Thompsonville,	Kent Co.		
Milford Neck	ME	1790--	219
Townsend,	New Castle Co.		
Immanuel	ME	1871--	295
Ebenezer	ME (Col.0	1865--	357
Haven	ME (Col.)	1878--	368
New Zion	AME	1925--	405
St. Mary's	PE	1900-1937	535
Vernon,	Kent Co.		
Prospect	ME	1834--	249
Viola,	Kent Co.		
Viola	ME	1887--	317
Whitesville,	Sussex Co.		
Line	ME	1785--	215
Bethesda	ME	1816--	236
Whitleysburg,	Kent Co.		
Whitleysburg	Advent.	1890--	2
Willow Grove,	Kent Co.		
Willow Grove	ME	1823--	244
Wilmington,	New Castle Co.		
Wilmington Council			1
First	Advent.	1892--	3
Seventh Day	Advent. (Col.)	1912--	5
American	Am. R. W.	1933--	9
First Pentecostal	Assem of G.	1919	10

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Italian Christian Assembly	Assem. of G.	1926--	11
Calvary Pentecostal	"	1932--	12
Primitive	Baptist	1785--	20
Second	"	1814-1815	22
Primitive	" (Col.)	1932-1935	24
Second	"	1835--	26
Elm Street	"	1873-1876	27
Delaware Avenue Bethany	"	1865--	29
McDowell Mission	"	1868-1916	30
First Swedish	"	1873--	33
Bethany	"	1878-1931	35
First Polish	"	1910-1937	36
North	"	1887--	39
Hope	"	1907-1917	40
Judson Memorial	"	1932--	44
East German	"	1856--	45
Convention of Delaware	" (Col.)	1932--	46
Shiloh	" "	1875--	47
Mt. Enon	" "	1891--	48
Eighth Street	" "	1894--	49
Mt. Bethel	" "	1914--	52
Tabernacle	" "	1917--	53
Mt. Zion	" "	1921--	54
Ezion Fair	" "	1922--	55
Ebenezer Missionary	" "	1931--	56
Calvary	" "	1932--	57
Sweet Pilgrim	" "	1935--	58
Friendship	" "	1936--	59
Rising Zion	" "	1933-1935	63
Holy Trinity	" "	1933--	64
Diocese	Catholic	1868--	67
St. Peter's Orphan Asylum	"	1830	68
Pontifical Society	"	1868--	69
Foundation of the Diocese	"	1928--	71
Welfare Guild	"	1932--	72
St. Peter's	"	1816--	73
St. Peter's School	"	1839--	74
St. Mary	"	1857--	82
St. Mary's School	"	1867--	83
Sacred Heart	"	1857--	84
Sacred Heart School	"	1874--	85
St. Ann's	"	1868--	86
St. Ann's School	"	1899--	87
Monastery, Visitation B.V.M.	"	1868--	88
St. Paul's	"	1870--	89
St. Paul's School	"	1887--	90
St. Patrick's	"	1881--	93
St. Patrick's School	"	1888--	94
Little Flower	"	1927--	95
St. Hedwig's	"	1887--	98
S Hedwig's School	"	1897--	99
St. Joseph's	" (Col.)	1889--	100
St. Joseph's School	" (Col.)	1890--	101

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Blessed Sacrament	Catholic (Col.)	1936--	102
Ursuline Academy	Catholic	1893--	103
St. Thomas'	"	1902--	106
St. Thomas School	"	1905--	107
Salesianum High School	"	1903--	108
Oblate Chapel, Salesianum	"	1903--	109
Little Sisters of the Poor	"	1903--	110
St. Elizabeth's	"	1908--	115
St. Elizabeth's School	"	1908--	116
St. Stanislaus Kostka's	"	1913--	117
St. Stanislaus Kostka's School	"	1914--	118
St. Francis Hospital	"	1923--	120
St. Anthony of Padua	"	1924--	121
St. Anthony's Kindergarten	"	1933--	122
Christ Our King	"	1926--	123
Christ Our King School	"	1927--	124
St. Patrick's Monastery	"	1931--	126
St. Nicholas	"	1909--	130
Christian & Missionary	Chr. & Miss. All.	1897--	131
First	Chr. Sci.	1898--	132
Christian Science Reading	" "	1901--	134
God in Christ	Ch. of G. inC. (Col.)	1925--	135
Dolbow Memorial	Ch. of Naz.	1926--	137
St. Michael, The Archangel	E. Ortho.	1905--	143
Greek	"	1920--	144
St. Peter and Paul	"	1926--	145
Newark	Friends	1686--	148
Wilmington	"	1738--	156
Friends School	"	1748--	157
Wilmington Ortho.	"	1827--	161
Mill Creek	"	1838--?	162
Triumph, Kingdom of God	Holiness (Col.)	1926--	169
Pilgrims	"	1930--	170
God in Christ	" (Col.)	1930--	171
United House of Prayer	" "	1933--	172
Grace	" "	1933-1934	173
Mt. Zion	" "	1935--	174
Montifiori	Jewish	1881--	176
Ladies Bichor	"	1902--	177
Y. W. H. A.	"	1902--	178
Adas Kodesch	"	1889--	179
Beth Emeth	"	1895--	180
Chesed Shel Emeth	"	1901--	181
Machziky A Deuss	"	1929--	182
Beth Shalom	"	1922--	183
Latter Day Saints	Mormon	1918-1937	184
Zion's German	Lutheran	1848--	185
St. Stephen's	"	1888--	186
Holy Trinity	"	1906--	187
Concordia	"	1931--	190
Gospel Herald	Mennonite	1938--	198
Asbury	ME	1769--	200
St. Paul's	"	1844--	257
Newark	"	1845--	258
Mt. Salem	ME	1847--	259

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Union	ME	1847--	260
Scott	"	1851--	264
Brandywine	"	1857--	272
Epworth	"	1863--	281
Grace	"	1865--	283
Madeley	"	1871--	296
Riddle S. S.	"	1871-1925	297
Kingswood	"	1872	299
First Swedish	"	1881--	308
Silverbrock	"	1883--	309
Cookman	"	1888-1934	320
Eastlake	"	1890--	323
Harrison Street	"	1891--	325
Trinity	"	1905--	332
Washington Heights	"	1905-1908	333
Anti-Saloon League	"	1907--	335
McCabe Memorial	"	1908--	338
Riddle Memorial	"	1913--	341
Goodwill Industries	"	1921--	345
Mary Todd Gambrill	"	1927--	346
Ezion	" (Col.)	1805--	348
Haven	" "	1876--	366
Mt. Joy	" "	1882--	371
St. Peter's	" "	1921-1937	380
Mt. Carmel	" "	1923--	381
Bethel	AME	1846--	385
Shorter's	"	1891--	399
Grant's	"	1902--	400
St. Paul's	UAME (Col.)	1887--	412
Boulden	" "	1896--	413
Mother	RUAME (Col.)	1855--	417
Grace	AMEZ	1877--	419
St. Daniel's	"	1917--	420
Mt. Vernon	ME (Col.)	1914--	421
St. Phillips	" "	1930--	422
African Union	AUMP	1813--	423
Mother	"	1813--	424
St. Paul's	"	1856--	428
St. James'	"	1868--	429
Old St. Peter's	"	1875--	430
Mt. Zion	"	1890--	432
Mt. Pisgah	"	1903--	433
First	MP	1880--	448
Peninsula	"	1920--	466
First	Wes. M.	1937--	468
True Vine Holy	Pentecos. (Col.)	1924--	469
First Gospel Temple	" "	1935--	472
God's Full Temple	"	1909--	473
Holy Church of God	" "	1928-1936	474
First	" "	1931-1938	475
First and Central	Presby.	1737--	491
Hanover	"	1774--	496
Green Hill	"	1844--	501
Central	"	1855-1920	504
Olivet	"	1866--	508

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Westminster	"	1886--	511
Baird Memorial Mission	"	1894--	513
First Italian	"	1906-1924	515
First United	"	1899--	517
Eastlake	"	1896--	518
First Independent	"	1936--	521
Faith Theological Seminary		1937--	521 A
St. John's Cathedral	PE	1857--	523
Bishopstead	"	1887--	524
Holy Trinity	"	1667--	525
Trinity	"	1830--	526
St. Andrew's	"	1815--	545
Calvary	"	1857--	557
Immanuel	"	1884--	560
Silent Mission	"	1890--	563
St. Matthew's	" (Col.)	1892--	565
St. Michael's Home	"	1894--	567
" " "	" (Col.)	1919--	568
St. Michael's Church	"	1906-1914	570
St. Luke's	Ref. Epis.	1878--	573
Redeemer	" "	1881-1899	574
Salvation Army	Undenom.	1890--	575
Christian	Spirit.	1928--	576
Unity	"	1929--	577
St. Paul's	"	1937--	578
Hagar's	" (Col.)	1930--	579
New Jerusalem	Swedborg.	1824--	580
First	Unitarian	1866--	581
Volunteers of America	Undenom.	1914--	582
God and Saints of Christ	" (Col.)	1905--	584
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iii. Chronological Index by dates of organization.

Dates of organization given herein have been determined in the manner outlined in Section II, Explanatory Notes. Some may therefore differ from dates given in denominational reports.

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1657	Dutch Reformed	Ref. Ch.	New Castle	572
1667	Holy Trinity (Old Swedes)	PE	Wilmington	525
1684	New Castle	Friends	New Castle	146
1686	Duck Creek	"	Smyrna	147
	Newark	"	Wilmington	148
1687	Centre	"	Centerville	149
1689	Lewes	Presby	Lewes	480
1701	Welsh Tract	Baptist	Newark	15
1702	New Castle	Presby	New Castle	481
1703	Immanuel	PE	" "	527
	Christ	"	Dover	528
1704	Christ	"	Milford	531
	Christ	"	Laurel	532
	Old St. Anne's	"	Middletown	533
1706	Prince George's	"	Dagsboro	536
1707	Appoquinimink	Friends	Odessa	150
1708	Drawyer's	Presby.	"	482
	Head of Christiana	"	Newark	483
	St. Peter's	PE	Lewes	537
1710	Little Creek	Friends	Little Creek	151
	Pencader	Presby.	Glasgow	520
1712	Lewes	Friends	Lewes	152
	Motherkill	"	Dover	153
1714	Dover	Presby.	"	484
1716	St. James'	PE	Stanton	538
1717	New Castle Presbytery			477
1719	St. George's	PE	Angola	539
1720	Cool Spring	Friends	Cool Spring	154
	Lower Brandywine	Presby.	Centerville	485
1721	White Clay	"	Newark	486
1722	Red Clay Creek	"	Marshallton	487
1726	Cool Spring	"	Cool Spring	488
1728	St. John the Baptist	PE	Milton	540
1730	Hockessin	Friends	Hockessin	155
1732	Christiana	Presby.	Christiana	489
1733	Brynzion	Baptist	Kenton	16
	First	Presby	Smyrna	490
1735	Lewes Presbytery			478
1737	First and Central	Presby.	Wilmington	491
1738	Wilmington	Friends	"	156
1740	St. Peter's	PE	Smyrna	541
1742	St. George's	Presby.	St. George	492
1743	Delaware University	"	Newark	493
1748	Friends School	Friends	Wilmington	157
1750	Forest	Presby.	Middletown	495

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1760	Milford	Friends	Milford	158
1763	Blackwater	Presby.	Frankford	495
1769	Asbury	ME	Wilmington	200
1772	St. Mary's	Catholic	Hockessin	75
	Stanton	Friends	Stanton	159
1774	Mt. Lebanon	ME	Rockland	201
	Hanover	Presby.	Wilmington	496
1777	Avenue	ME	Milford	202
1778	Wesley	"	Dover	203
1779	Sounds	Baptist	Sounds	17
	Thomas' Chapel	ME	Marydel, Md.	204
	St. Johnstown	"	Greenwood	205
	Wesley	"	Georgetown	206
1780	Bethel	Baptist	Hares Corner	18
	Barratt's	ME	Frederica	207
	Bethesda	"	Canterbury	208
	Chester Bethel	"	Brandywine Hundred	209
	Mt. Pleasant	"	Laurel	210
1781	Broad Creek	Baptist	"	19
	Bethel	ME	Oak Grove	211
1782	Friendship	"	Smyrna	212
	Union	"	Blackbird	213
1784	Sound	"	Selbyville	214
1785	Primitive	Baptist	Wilmington	20
	Line	ME	Whitesville	215
1786	Asbury	"	Smyrna	216
	Diocese of Delaware	PE		522
1787	Salem	ME	Christiana	217
1788	Camden	Friends	Camden	160
	Lewes	ME	Lewes	218
1790	Smith Mills	Baptist	Delmar	21
	Milford Neck	ME	Thompsonville	219
	Salem	"	Selbyville	220
1794	St. Paul's	PE	Georgetown	543
1795	Delaware State			
	Convention	Baptist		25
1796	Newport	ME	Newport	221
	Whatcoat	"	Camden	222
1800	St. Thomas'	"	Shortley	223
1801	Todd	"	Adamsville	224
	Union	"	Bridgeville	225
1802	Goshen	"	Milton	226
	Zoar	"	Georgetown	227
1803	Centenary	"	Laurel	228
	Cokesbury	"	Georgetown	229
1804	Concord	"	Concord	230
1805	Ezion	" (Col.)	Wilmington	348
	Star of Bethlehem	AUMP	Newport	425
1806	St. Peter's	Catholic	New Castle	76
1809	Mount Zion	ME	Laurel	231
1810	Unity	"	Fairmount	232
1811	St. John's	PE	Little Hill	544
1812	Asbury	ME	Georgetown	233
	Newark	"	Newark	234
	Trinity	"	Frederica	235

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1813	St. Daniel's	UAME (Col.)	Iron Hill, Md.	407
	African	AUMP	Wilmington	423
	Mother	"	"	424
1814	Second	Baptist	"	22'
1815	St. Andrew's	PE	"	545
1816	St. Peter's	Catholic	"	73
	Bethesda	ME	Whitesville	236
	Salem	"	Farmington	237
1817	Reformed	RUAME (Col.)	New Castle	416
1818	Kenton	ME	Kenton	238
	St. John's	"	Seaford	239
	Zion	"	Milton	240
1819	Lebanon	"	Bear	241
1820	New Castle	"	New Castle	242
	Mount Pisgah	UAME (Col.)	Summit Bridge	308
1822	Bethesda	ME	Middletown	243
1823	Willow Grove	"	Willow Grove	244
1824	Ebenezer	"	Newark	145
	Lee's Chapel	" (Col.)	Fieldsboro	349
	New Jerusalem	Swedenborg.	Wilmington	580
1827	Wilmington Orthodox	Friends	"	161
	Christiana	ME	Christiana	246
	St. Thomas	AIMP	Glasgow	426
1830	St. Peter's Orphanage	Catholic	Wilmington	68
	Portsville	MP	Portsville	435
	Trinity	PE	Wilmington	526
1831	St. Paul's	ME	Odessa	247
	Christ	MP	Laurel	436
1833	Wilmington Presbytery	Presby.		479
1834	Ebenezer	ME	Delaware City	248
	Prospect	"	Vernon	249
	Zion	AME	Congo Town	383
	Synod of Delaware	Presby.		476
	First	AME	Port Penn	497
1835	Second	Baptist	Wilmington	26
	First	Presby.	Delaware City	498
	Village	"	Newark	499
	Grace	PE	Talleyville	546
	St. Luke's	"	Seaford	547
1836	Trinity	ME	Bridgeville	250
	Bethel	AME	Smyrna	384
1837	Connelly's	ME	Angola	251
1838	Mill Creek	Friends	Wilmington	162
	Mt. Pleasant	ME	Holly Oak	252
	White's	"	Nassau	253
	Bethel	MP	Andrewsville	437
			Cross Roads	
1839	St. Peter's School	Catholic	Wilmington	74
	First	Presby.	Newark	500
1840	Hartly	ME	Hartly	254
1841	St. Joseph's	Catholic	Henry Clay	78
1842	Dulaney's	ME	Laurel	255
	St. George's	"	"	256
	Salem	MP	Thomas' Corner	438

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1842 (Cont.)	St. Thomas'	PE	Newark	548
1833	Ascension	"	Claymont	549
1844	St. Paul's	ME	Wilmington	257
	Beaver Dam	MP	Harbeson	439
	Green Hill	Presby	Wilmington	501
1845	Newark Union	ME	"	258
	Zoar	" (Col.)	Odessa	350
1846	St. Mark's	PE	Millsboro	550
	Bethel African	ME (Col.)	Wilmington	385
	Mount Salem	UAME (Col.)	Delaware City	409
1847	Mt. Salem	ME	Wilmington	259
	Union	"	"	260
	Mt. Olivet	MP	Seaford	440
1848	Zion's German	Lutheran	Wilmington	185
	Christ	PE	Delaware City	551
	Christ	"	Montchanin	552
1849	First	Presby.	Milford	502
1850	First	Baptist	Dover	28
	St. Joseph's School	Catholic	Henry Clay	79
	St. John the Baptist	"	Newark	80
	Bethesda	ME	Stockley	261
	Felton	"	Felton	262
	Union American	UAME (Col.)	Christiana	410
	St. John's	AUMP	Newark	427
	St. Phillips	PE	Laurel	553
1851	New Market	ME	Ellendale	263
	Scott	"	Wilmington	264
	Gethsemane	MP	Reliance	441
1852	St. Paul's	Catholic	Delaware City	81
	St. George's	ME	St. Georges	265
	Whatcoat	" (Col.)	Dover	351
	Big Union	" "	Frederica	352
1853	Antioch	"	Frankford	266
	Ellendale	"	Ellendale	267
	St. John's	"	Georgetown	268
	Wesley	" (Col.)	Milford	353
1854	Rehoboth	Presby.	Midway	503
	St. James'	PE	Newport	554
1855	Bethberi	ME	Magnolia	269
	Bethel	"	Gumboro	270
	Mother	RUAME (Col.)	Wilmington	417
	Central	Presby	"	504
	Calvary	PE	Hillcrest	555
1856	East German	Baptist	Wilmington	45
	Slaughter Neck	ME	Milford	271
	Mt. Salem	" (Col.)	New Castle	354
	Antioch	AME	Frankford	386
	St. Paul's	AUMP	Wilmington	428
	Ocean View	Presby.	Ocean View	505 SIS
1857	St. Mary	Catholic	Wilmington	82
	Sacred Heart	"	"	84
	Brandywine	ME	"	272
	Ebenezer	"	Midway	273
	Milton	MP	Milton	442
	St. John	PE	Wilmington	523
	St. Mark's	"	Columbia	556

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1857 (Cont.)	Calvary	PE	Wilmington	557
1858	McColley's	ME	Redden	274
	St. Paul's	ME (Col.)	Kirkwood	355
1859	Bethel	"	Ocean View	275
	Camden Union	"	Camden	276
	Sand Hill	"	Georgetown	277
	Georgetown	Presby.	"	506
1860	Chaplain's	ME	Bridgeville	278
	Harrington	"	Harrington	279
	Felton	Presby	Felton	507
1861	Wesley	ME	Seaford	280
	Providence	MP	Georgetown	443
1863	Epworth	ME	Wilmington	281
1864	Scott	"	Blackbird	282
	Delaware Conference	" (Col.)		347
	Simpson	ME (Col.)	Newport	356
1865	St. Paul's	MP	Laurel	444
	Delaware Avenue			
	Bethany	Baptist	Wilmington	29
	Grace	ME	"	283
	Siloam	"	Milford	284
	Wyoming	"	Wyoming	285
	Ebenezer	" (Col.)	Townsend	357
	Harmony	" "	Millsboro	358
	Israel	" "	Nassau	359
1866	Atonement	"	Claymont	286
	Stanton	"	Stanton	288
	Trinity	MP	Laurel	445
	Olivet	Presby	Wilmington	508
	First	Unitarian	"	581
1867	Plymouth	Baptist	Plymouth	31
	St. Mary's School	Catholic	Wilmington	83
	Delmar	ME	Delmar	287
	Mt. Pisgah	AME	Laurel	388
1868	McDowell Mission	Baptist	Wilmington	30
	Diocese	Catholic	"	67
	Propagation of the Faith	"	"	69
	St. Ann's	"	"	86
	Visitation B.V.M.	"	"	88
	Summit Bridge	ME	Summit Bridge	289
	Wesley	" (Col.)	Clarksville	360
	Prospect	AME	Georgetown	387
	Dickerson	"	Millsboro	389
	St. James	AUMP	Wilmington	429
	West	Presby.	"	509
1869	Lincoln	ME	Lincoln	290
	Dales	" (Col.)	Middletown	361
	Mount Zion	UAME (Col.)	Newark	411
1870	St. Paul's	Catholic	Wilmington	89
	Holy Cross	"	Dover	91
	Blades	ME	Blades	291
	Central	"	Long Neck	292
	Gumboro	"	Gumboro	293
	Masten	"	Masten's Corner	294

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1870 (Cont.)	St. Peter	ME (Col.)	Delaware City	362
	Friendship	" "	Millsboro	363
	Bethel	AME	Milford	390
	St. John's	AMEZ	Laurel	418
	Reynold's	MP	Milton	446
1871	Immanuel	ME	Townsend	295
	Madeley	"	Wilmington	296
	Riddle	"	"	297
	Rehoboth	"	Rehoboth	298
	Ott's Chapel	Undenom.	Iron Hill, Md.	583
1872	Kingswood	ME	Wilmington	299
	Wesley	" (Col.)	Nassau	364
	St. Paul's	" "	Milford	365
	Mt. Calvary	AME	Concord	391
	Mt. Zion	AME	Dover	392
	St. Anne's	PE	Middletown	534
1873	Elm Street Chapel	Baptist	Wilmington	27
	Milford	"	Milford	32
	First Swedish	"	Wilmington	33
	Wesley Institute	ME	Dover	300
1874	Sacred Heart School	Catholic	Wilmington	85
	Grace	ME	Millsboro	301
	Scott	"	Rehoboth	302
	Zion	"	Roxanna	303
1875	Shiloh	Baptist (Col.)	Wilmington	47
	St. Joseph's	Catholic	Middletown	92
	Old St. Peter's	AUMP	Wilmington	430
1876	First	Baptist	New Castle	34
	Houston	ME	Hickory Hill	304
	Haven	ME (Col.)	Wilmington	366
	Centennial	" "	Smyrna	367
	St. Stephen's	PE	Harrington	558
1877	Grace	AMEZ	Wilmington	419
	Mt. Harmon	MP	Columbia	447
1878	Bethany	Baptist	Wilmington	35
	Haven	ME (Col.)	Townsend	368
	St. George's	AME "	Lewes	395
	Frankford	Presby.	Frankford	510
	St. Luke's	Ref. Ep.	Wilmington	573
1879	St. James' Rectory	Catholic	Delaware City	70
	Macedonia	AME	Seaford	394
1880	King's	ME	Laurel	305
	Bethel	AME	Milton	395
	First	MP	Wilmington	448
	Greenwood	"	Greenwood	449
	Harrington	"	Harrington	450
	Shiloh	"	Laurel	451
	St. Andrew's	PE	Ellis Grove	559
1881	St. Patrick's	Catholic	Wilmington	93
	St. Patrick's	"	Ashland	96
	Montifiori	Jewish	Wilmington	176
	Hockessin	ME	Hockessin	306
	Greenwood	"	Greenwood	307

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1881 (Cont.)	First Swedish	ME	Wilmington	308
	Little Union	" (Col.)	Cheswold	369
	Manship	" "	"	370
	Indian Mission	MP	Fairmount	452
	Redeemer	Ref. Ep.	Wilmington	574
1882	Primitive	Baptist	Delmar	23
	Bethel	ME	Dagsboro	310
	Carey's	"	Millsboro	311
	Mt. Joy	" (Col.)	Wilmington	371
	St. Paul's	" "	Lewes	372
1883	First	Baptist	Delmar	37
	Silverbrock	ME	Wilmington	309
	Mt. Pleasant	AME	Rehoboth	396
1884	St. John's	Catholic	Hockessin	97
	Edgemoor	ME	Edgemoor	312
	Bethel	"	Bethel	313
	Little Creek	"	Little Creek	314
	Thawley's	"	Hickman	315
	Mt. Pleasant	" (Col.)	Christiana	373
	Water's New Zion	" "	Laurel	374
	Trinity	AME	Middletown	397
	Immanuel	PE	Wilmington	560
1885	Calvary	Baptist (Col.)	Dover	38
	Marshallton	ME	Marshallton	375
	Massey's	AME	Smyrna	398
1886	St. James'	ME (Col.)	St. Georges	375
	Mt. Zion	" "	Lincoln	376
	Chippey	AUMP	Hockessin	431
	Westminster	Presby.	Wilmington	511
1887	North	Baptist	"	39
	St. Paul's School	Catholic	"	90
	St. Hedwig's	"	"	98
	Viola	ME	Viola	317
	Glasgow	"	Glasgow	318
	St. Paul's	"	Clayton	319
	St. Paul's	UAME (Col.)	Wilmington	412
	Bishopstead	PE	"	524
1888	St. Patrick's School	Catholic	"	94
	St. Stephen's	Lutheran	"	186
	Cookman	ME	"	320
	Hebron	MP	Georgetown	453
1889	St. Joseph's	Catholic (Col.)	Wilmington	100
	Adas Kodesch	Jewish	"	179
	Epworth	ME	Laurel	321
	Woodside	"	Woodside	322
	Mt. Olive	MP	Delmar	454
	Elsmere	Presby.	Elsmere	512
	St. Mary's	PE	Bridgeville	561
	Y.M.C.A.	Undenom.	Wilmington	588
1880	Whitleysburg	Advent.	Whitleysburg	2
1890	St. Joseph's School	Catholic (Col.)	Wilmington	101
	Eastlake	ME	"	323
	Westwood	"	Gumboro	324

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1890 (Cont.)	Mt. Zion	AUMP	Wilmington	432
	Dagsboro	MP	Dagsboro	455
	Dover	"	Dover	456
	St. Barnabas	PE	Marshallton	562
	Silent Mission	"	Wilmington	563
	Salvation Army	Undenom.	"	575
1891	Mt. Enon	Baptist (Col.)	"	48
	Harrison Street	ME	"	325
	Shorter's	AME	"	399
	Georgetown	MP	Georgetown	457
	St. Paul's	PE	Camden	529
	Trinity	"	Clayton	564
1892	First	Advent.	Wilmington	3
	Cheswold	ME	Cheswold	326
	St. Paul's	"	Dover	327
	Zoar	" (Col.)	Selbyville	377
	St. Matthew's	PE "	Wilmington	565
1893	Ursuline Academy	Catholic	"	103
	All Saints	PE	Rehoboth	566
	Sunday Breakfast	Undenom	Wilmington	591
1894	Eighth Street	Baptist (Col.)	"	49
	Baird Memorial	Presby.	"	513
	St. Michael's Home	PE	"	567
1895	St. Joseph's School	Catholic (Col.)	Clayton	104
	St. Joseph's	"	"	105
	Beth Emeth	Jewish	Wilmington	180
	Central	MP	Milford	458
	Horsey Grove	"	Laurel	459
	Millville	"	Millville	460
	Friends of Old Drawyer's	Presby	Odessa	514
	Y.M.C.A.	Undenom.	Wilmington	589
1896	Seventh Day	Advent. (Col.)	Cheswold	4
	Kirkwood	ME	Kirkwood	328
	Boulden	UAME (Col.)	Wilmington	413
	Eastlake	Presby.	"	518
	All Saints	PE	Delmar	469
1897	Mt. Enon	Baptist (Col.)	Milford	50
	St. Hedwig's School	Catholic	Wilmington	99
	Christian & Missionary	Chr. & Miss. All.	"	131
	Delaware Conference	UAME (Col.)		406
1898	First	Chr. Sci.	Wilmington	132
	Faith	MP	Redden	461
1899	St. Ann's School	Catholic	Wilmington	87
	Christ	Disc. Of G.	Ocean View	142
	Epworth	ME	Rehoboth	329
	St. Paul's	UAMP (Col.)	Smyrna	414
	First	Presby.	Wilmington	517
1900	St. Paul's	Lutheran	Rising Sun	188
	Omar	ME	Frankford	330
	Mt. Calvary	" (Col.)	Portsville	378
	Oakley	MP	Oakley	462
	St. Mary's	PE	Townsend	535

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1901		Christian Science	Chr. Sci.	Wilmington	134
		Chesed Shel Emeth	Jewish	"	181
1902		St. Thomas'	Catholic	"	106
		Ladies Bichor	Jewish	"	177
		W.M. & Y.W.H.A.	Jewish	"	178
		Grant's	AME	"	400
		Cannon	ME	Cannon	463
1903		Salesianum High School	Catholic	Wilmington	108
		Oblate Chapel Salesianum	"	"	109
		Little Sisters of the Poor	"	"	110
		Mt. Nebo	AME	Columbia	401
		Mt. Pisgah	AUMP	Wilmington	433
1905		St. Thomas' School	Catholic	"	107
		St. Agnes	"	Rehoboth	111
		St. Michael	E. Ortho.	Wilmington	143
		Cedars	ME	Cedars	331
		Trinity	"	Wilmington	332
		Washington Heights	"	"	333
		God and Saints of Christ	Undenom. (Col.)	"	584
1906		Hope	Baptist	"	40
		St. Peter's School	Catholic	New Castle	77
		Benedictine Sisters	"		112
		Holy Trinity	Lutheran	Wilmington	187
		Epworth	ME	Greenwood	334
		Mt. Zion	AME	Ellendale	402
		Groom's Memorial	MP	Lewes	464
		First Italian	Presby.	Wilmington	515
		St. Michael's	PE	"	570
1907		St. John's	Catholic	Milford	113
		Nazarene	Ch. of Naz.	Harrington	136
		Anti-Saloon League	ME	Wilmington	335
		Millville	"	Millville	336
1908		St. Elizabeth's	Catholic	Wilmington	115
		St. Elizabeth's School	"	"	116
		Richardson Park	ME	Richardson Park	337
		McCabe	"	Wilmington	338
		St. Martin's	PE	Hartly	530
1909		St. Nicholas	Catholic	Wilmington	130
		Peoples	Cong.	Dover	140
		Hillcrest	ME	Hillcrest	339
		God's Full Gospel	Pentecos.	Wilmington	473
1910		First Polish	Baptist	Wilmington	36
		First	MP	Milford	465
1912		Seventh Day	Advent. (Col.)	Wilmington	5
		St. Agnes	Catholic	Rehoboth	114
		Ringold	AME	Armstrong	403
1913		Pilgrim	Baptist (Col.)	Newark	51
		St. Stanislaus Kostka's	Catholic	Wilmington	117
		Greenwood	Mennonite	Greenwood	191
		Bethany	ME	Laurel	340
		Riddle	"	Wilmington	341

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1914	Mt. Bethel	Baptist (Col.)	Wilmington	52
	St. Stanislaus Kostka's School	Catholic	Wilmington	118
	East Dover	Mennonite	Dover	192
	Mt. Vernon	ME (Col.)	Wilmington	421
	Volunteers of America	Undenom.	"	582
1915	Brethren	Brethren	Richardson Park	65
	Brack-Ex	ME	Brack-Ex	342
	Buttonwood	" (Col.)	Buttonwood	379
1916	St. John's	Lutheran	Dover	189
	Holly Oak	ME	Holly Oak	343
1917	Dover Number One	Advent.	Dover	6
	People's	Baptist	Hamilton Park	41
	Tabernacle	" (Col.)	Wilmington	53
	Alfa	" "	Belvedere	60
	St. Daniel's	AMEZ	Wilmington	420
1918	Latter-Day Saints	Mormon	"	184
	Elizabeth	AME	Marshallton	404
1919	First Pentecostal	Assem. of G.	Wilmington	10
	St. Michael's Home	PE (Col.)	"	568
1920	Seventh Day	Advent. (Col.)	Dover	7
	First	Chr. Sci.	S. Milford	133
	Greek	E. Ortho.	Wilmington	466
	Bellefonte	ME	Bellefonte	344
	Peninsula	MP	Wilmington	466
	St. Andrew's School	PE	Middletown	571
1921	Wilmington Council of Churches			1
	First	Baptist	Holloway Terrace	43
	Mt. Zion	" (Col.)	Wilmington	54
	Holy Rosary	Catholic	Claymont	119
	Pilgrim	Holiness	Laurel	163
	Goodwill Industries	ME	Wilmington	345
	St. Peter's	" (Col.)	"	380
	Delaware Quarterly Conference	MP		434
1922	Seventh Day	Advent. (Col.)	Millsboro	8
	Ezion Fair	Baptist "	Wilmington	55
	First	" "	Georgetown	61
	Mt. Olivet	Brethren	"	66
	Beth Shalom	Jewish	Wilmington	183
1923	Minquadale	Baptist	Minquadale	42
	St. Francis Hospital	Catholic	Wilmington	120
	Mt. Carmel	ME (Col.)	"	381
1924	St. Anthony of Padua	Catholic	Wilmington	121
	Pilgrim	Holiness	Dover	164
	Mennonite School	Mennonite	Dover	193
	Delaware Conference	AME		382
	True Vine	Pentecos. (Col.)	Wilmington	469
1925	God in Christ	Chr. Of G. in C. (Col.)	"	135
	Pilgrim	Holiness	S. Milford	165
	New Zion	AME	Townsend	405
1926	Apostolic Faith	Assem. of G.	Wilmington	11

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1926 (Cont.)	Christ our King	Catholic	Wilmington	123
	Dolbow	Ch. of Naz.	"	137
	Wesleyan	" "	Laurel	138
	St. Peter & Paul	E. Ortho.	Wilmington	145
	Pilgrim	Holiness	Milton	166
	Triumph	" (Col.)	Wilmington	169
1927	Little Flower	Catholic	"	95
	Christ our King School	"	"	124
	First	Cong. (Col.)	Milton	141
	Mary Todd Gambrill	ME	Wilmington	346
1928	Diocese, Foundation	Catholic	"	71
	Our Mother of Mercy	"	Belvedere	125
	Pilgrim	Holiness	Roxanna	167
	Northwest Dover	Mennonite	Dover	194
	Holy Church of God	Pentecos. (Col.)	Wilmington	474
	Christian	Spirit	"	576
	American Theological Seminary		"	592
1929	Machziky A Deuss	Jewish	"	182
	Southwest Dover	Mennonite	Dover	195
	Gibbs Chapel	Pentecos. (Col.)	Hartly	470
	Unity	Spirit	Wilmington	577
1930	Pilgrim	Holiness	"	170
	God in Christ	" (Col.)	"	171
	Gospel Herald	Mennonite	Richardson Park	196
	St. Phillips	ME(Col.)	Wilmington	422
	Little Mount Olive	Pentecos. (Col.)	Smyrna	471
	Hagar's	Spirit (Col.)	Wilmington	579
1931	Ebenezer Missionary	Baptist "	"	56
	St. Patrick's Monastery	Catholic	"	126
	Mater Admirabilis (Orph.)	"	Newark	127
	Nazarene	Ch. of Naz.	Smyrna	139
	Concordia	Lutheran	Wilmington	190
	Jerman	Wes. M.	Smyrna	467
	First	Pentecos (Col.)	Wilmington	475
	Westminster	Presby.	Rehoboth	516
1932	Calvary	Assem. of G.	Wilmington	12
	Primitive	Baptist (Col.)	"	24
	Judson Memorial	" "	"	44
	Convention of Delaware	" "	"	46
	Calvary	" "	"	57
	Mt. Calvary	" "	Middletown	62
	Welfare Guild	Catholic	Wilmington	72
	Holy Church of God	Undenom. (Col.)	"	585
1933	American Rescue Workers	Am. R.W.	"	9
	Rising Zion	Baptist (Col.)	"	63
	Holy Trinity	" "	"	64
	St. Anthony's Kindergarten	Catholic	"	122
	Archmere Academy	"	Claymont	128
	House of Prayer	Holiness (Col.)	Wilmington	172
	Grace	" "	"	173

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1933 (Cont.)	Church of God	Undenom.	Milford	586
1934	Grace Pentecostal	Assem of God	Newark	13
	Full Gospel Mission	" "	Lewes	14
	Tressler	Mennonite	Greenwood	197
1935	Sweet Pilgrim	Baptist (Col.)	Wilmington	58
	Pilgrim	Holiness	Gumboro	168
	Mt. Zion	" (Col.)	Wilmington	174
	God	" "	Seaford	175
	Wilmington Conference	RUAME		415
	First Gospel Temple	Pentecos. (Col.)	Wilmington	472
	Infinite Science	Undenom.	"	587
	Y.W.C.A.	" (Col.)	"	590
1936	Friendship	Baptist (Col.)	"	59
	Blessed Sacrament	Catholic "	"	102
	St. Helena's	"	Bellefonte	129
	First Independent	Presby.	Wilmington	521
1937	First	Wes. M.	"	468
	St. Paul's	Spirit	"	578
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	Seminary	Presby.	"	521A
1938	Gospel Herald Mission	Mennonite	"	198
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Obscure Incorporation and Deeds Records.

Records in the offices of the County Recorders include a number of incorporation or deeds pertaining to religious organizations, concerning which no other information has been found. These are listed below in the order in which they appear in the Recorder's books.

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U2, p. 542	1802	Incorp.	Middletown Congregation
H3, p. 551	1810	"	Peniel ME Church, Newport
C4, p. 397	1824	Deed	ME, Appoquinimink Hd. (Col.)
K4, p. 545	1830	"	Asbury Chapel, St. Georges Hd.
Z4, p. 209	1838	"	African Wes. ME Ch., Wilmington
A5, p. 104	1838	"	" " " " "
A5, p. 93	1838	Incorp.	" "
G5, p. 517	1841	"	Nazareth MP, Newport
H5, p. 376	1841	Deed	" " " " "
L5, p. 54	1843	Incorp.	First United African Wes. Soc. (Col.)
			Wilmington
M5, p. 512	1844	"	First Congregational Church of Wilmington & Brandywine
M5, p. 307	1843	Deed	ME Church, Port Penn
S5, p. 361	1846	"	African Wes. ME Church
W5, p. 91	1847	"	" " Episcopal, Wilmington
W5, p. 142	1847	"	" " " " " "
X5, p. 87	1847	"	Salem ME, Christiana Hd.
E6, p. 304	1850	"	Union ME, Smyrna Cir., Appoquinimink Hd.
F6, p. 529	1844	"	MP, Appoquinimink Hd.
N6, p. 506	1852	"	African Union, Pencader Hd.
Q6, p. 299	1854		African Union, Christiana Branch
V6, p. 68	1855		Nazareth MP. Newport
E7, p. 492	1859	Incorp.	Bethasady ME, Pencader Hd. (Col.)
F7, p. 491	1859	"	St. Thomas MP, Pencader Hd. (Col.)
L7, p. 318	1860	"	Nazareth MP, Townsend
U7, p. 42	1856	Deed	First United Wes. Society, Christiana Hd.
L8, p. 138	1867	"	Forest Chapel ME, (Col.)
V8, p. 26	1868	Incorp.	First Universalistic Society of Wilmington
X8, p. 265	1869	Deed	" " " " " "
N9, p. 482	1872	"	AME, Wilmington
C10, p. 443	1874	"	First United African Wes. ME, Wilmington
F10, p. 205	1874	Incorp.	" " " " " "
D10, p. 260	1854	"	Salem Church, New Castle
T10, p. 493	1876	Mortgage	Bethel Me
Y10, p. 289	1877	Incorp.	The Presby. Union Chapel, Stanton
Y10, p. 496	1872	Deed	Union African, Newark

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Z10, p. 115	1877	Deed	Presby. Union Chapel, Stanton
C11, p. 353	1878	"	" " " "
N11, p. 396	1854	"	Salem African Society
Q12, p. 311	1883	"	African ME, Wilmington
U12, p. 184	1883	"	Chapel Wesley, AUF CMP, Christiana Hd.
Y12, p. 457	1877	"	St. Thomas MP, Pencader Hd.
F13, p. 534	1879	Incorp.	Wesley ME, MCClellandsville
L13, p. 202	1885	"	Wesley ME
M13, p. 23	1885	"	Bethany Independent ME, Appoquinimink Hd.
N13, p. 88	1885	Deed	" " " " "
O13, p. 430	1886	Incorp.	Grace Baptist, Wilmington
R13, p. 196	1886	Deed	Wesley ME, Wilmington
R13, p. 122	1886	"	" " " "
S13, p. 598	1886	"	MP Church, Appoquinimink
W13, p. 496	1887	"	Christian Church, Chestnut Hill
W13, p. 519	1887	Incorp.	" " " " "
Z13, p. 143	1887	Deed	Wilmington Baptist City Mission
V14, p. 92	1889	"	" " " " "
H15, p. 392	1891	"	" " " " "
M16, p. 600	1891	Incorp.	Elsmere ME
O15, p. 352	1891	Deed	" "
B16, p. 389	1893	Incorp.	Wilm. S. Side Baptist Sunday School Association, Wilm.
H16, p. 38	1893	Deed	Wilm. S. Side Baptist Sunday School Association, Wilm.
I16, p. 513	1894	Incorp.	First MP, New Castle
I16, p. 390	1894	"	Wilm. S. Side Baptist Sunday School Association, Wilm.
I16, p. 437	1894	Deed	Association Wilmington S. Side Baptist Sunday School
K16, p. 319	1894	Incorp.	Second MP, Wilmington
M16, p. 208	1894	Deed	" " " "
Q16, p. 436	1894	Incorp.	Calvary Baptist, Wilmington
U16, p. 4	1895	"	" " " "
X16, p. 445	1895	Deed	Providence AUMP, Wilmington
Y16, p. 414	1895	Incorp.	" " " "
A17, p. 506	1896	"	Congregational Baptist, Wilmington
W17, p. 361	1899	"	St. Joseph's AUMP, Mt. Pleasant
B18, p. 497	1899	Deed	St. Luke's ME, Hockessin
C18, p. 90	1899	Incorp.	" " " "
E18, p. 449	1900	"	First Congregational of Wilmington
G18, p. 464	1900	Deed	" " " "
K19, p. 171	1903	"	St. Luke's ME, Hockessin
Q19, p. 210	1903	Incorp.	Scotts Chapel, Thorofare Neck
Q19, p. 216	1903	"	Peter Spencer's AUMP, Wilmington
S19, p. 312	1903	Deed	" " " " "
W19, p. 600	1904	Incorp.	St. Daniel's ME, Port Penn
V20, p. 152	1906	Deed	" " " " "
T21, p. 175	1908	"	Wesley ME, Wilmington
Y21, p. 47	1899	"	St. Joseph's AUMP, St. Georges Hd.
Z23, p. 213	1912	Incorp.	Gilbert Presby., Wilmington
M24, p. 32	1913	"	Holy Trinity Polish Nat. Catholic, Wilm.
K25, p. 261	1915	Deed	St. Luke's ME, Hockessin
D27, p. 350	1915	"	Pilgrim Baptist, Newark

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R27, p. 158	1917	Incorp.	First Progressive Spiritualists, Wilm.
H28, p. 462	1919	"	Fraternal Spiritualists, Wilmington
R30, p. 599	1921	Deed	African American ME, Wilmington
O33, p. 286	1924	Incorp.	Union Bend of Holiness Church, Newark
A33, p. 531	1924	Deed	St. Daniel's ME, Port Penn
A33, p. 527	1923	"	" " "
T33, p. 593	1924	"	Holiness Christian Church, Newark
U33, p. 65	1925	"	Union Band of Holiness, Newark
Z33, p. 20	1925	Incorp.	Holiness Christian, Newark
M34, p. 529	1926	"	Rock of Ages Baptist, Church
Z34, p. 181	1927	"	Weeping Mary Baptist, Wilmington
Z34, p. 515	1927	Deed	Rock of Ages Bapt.
F35, p. 24	1927	"	Weeping Mary Baptist, Wilmington
U36, p. 505	1928	Incorp.	Union Band of Holiness, Belvedere
F37, p. 500	1930	Deed	Rock of Ages Baptist, Meadowbrook
Y37, p. 354	1932	"	Nazareth Bapt., Christiana Hd.
R40, p. 249	1937	"	Peneil ME, Newport
F40, p. 451	1937	"	" " "

Private Acts Record

C1, p. 170	1883	Incorp.	Brandywine Cath. Liter. Assoc. of Del.
D1, p. 34	1871	"	Wilmington Baptist City Mission
D1, p. 35	1887	Re-Incorp.	" " " "
F1, p. 76	1895	Incorp.	The Peoples Mission, Wilmington
F1, p. 88	1896	"	The Community of All Angels
F1, p. 253	1888	"	Home Mission, Wilmington

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E1, p. 8	1900	Incorp.	St. Stanislaus Beneficial Society, Wilmington
G1, p. 337	1901	"	Fraternity of Mutual Help of St. Stanislaus B.K
N1, p. 169	1902	"	Delaware Christian Science Institute
D3, p. 325	1909	"	Wilmington Baptist City Mission Society
B7, p. 180	1916	"	Society of the Brotherhood of St. John the Baptist, Wilmington
E42, p. 530	1934	"	Super Mind Science of U.S.A., Wilmington

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M1, p. 72	1740	Deed	St. Jones Church, Dover
N1, p. 183	1747	"	Baptist Society, Duck Creek
N1, p. 280	1748-1749	"	Holy Hill, Gravely Run Branch
O1, p. 276	1755	"	PE Church, Mispillion Hd.
E2, p. 265	1796	"	Baptist Church, MT. Moriah, road from Dover to Choptank Bridge
E2, p. 271	1796	"	Mispillion Bapt. Church, Dover-Milford Rd.
G2, p. 172	1802	"	Quakers
S2, p. 225	1819	Incorp.	First Presby. Cong. Of Three Run
K3, p. 170	1836	Deed	Christians Tabernacle
R3, p. 234	1842	Incorp.	Wesley ME Church, Milford Neck

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S3, p. 55	1842	Deed	Banning Meeting, Dover-Frederica Rd.
U3, p. 102	1846	"	MP Church, Kenton to Sudlers Cross Rd.
U3, p. 157	1846	"	Presbyterian Church, Duck Creek Hd.
V3, p. 186	1847	Incorp.	ME Church, Leipsic
V3, p. 61	1846	Deed	MP Church, Smyrna
W3, p. 201	1846	Cert. of Character	Rev. G. Laws (Col.)
X3, p. 178	1848	Deed	African Zion Church near Camden
X3, p. 50	1848	"	Sutton Meeting House, Camden
Y3, p. 22	1849	"	Meeting House, Road from Dover to Davis Corner
Y3, p. 86	1849	Incorp.	African ME Church, Milford
Y3, p. 124	1849	Incorp.	1 st . United African Wes. Soc. Blanker Duck Creek Hd.
Z3, p. 128	1850	Incorp.	ME Church, Leipsic
D4, p. 88	1852	Deed	Wesley Church
E4, p. 6	1853	Agreement	" "
F4, p. 194	1854	Deed	ME Church (Bethel) Road from Farrows' Church to Bells Mill
M4, p. 63	1854	"	Friendship AME Church, Duck Creek Hd.
P4, p. 99	1858	"	African ME Church, Leipsic-Dover Rd.
P4, p. 183	1858	"	ME Church, Clark's Corner
R4, p. 450	1860	Incorp.	MP Church
U4, p. 152	1862	Deed	Knates Trustees, Road from Meredith shops to Canterbury
W4, p. 502	1864	"	Bethesda MP Church, near Procton Bridge
W4, p. 178	1864	"	Central ME Church, Dover
X4, p. 195	1864	"	Zion AME Church
B5, p. 110	1866	Incorp.	Plymouth Congregational Ch. of Del.
D5, p. 246	1867	"	Severson Church, Smyrna Circuit
H5, p. 244	1869	Deed	Wesley Church, Dover
I5, p. 485	1869	"	Lebanon Church, Lebanon
L5, p. 345	1871	Incorp.	Zion Baptist Church, Mispillion Hd.
L5, p. 1	1870	Deed	ME Church, South Hallton
L6, p. 345	1871	Incorp.	Zion Baptist Church, Mispillion
M5, p. 490	1871	Deed	Zion Baptist Church, Mispillion
P5, p. 379	1873	Incorp.	Magnolia Baptist church, Magnolia
Q5, p. 58	1874	Deed	Presby. Church, Harrington
Q5, p. 249	1873	Incorp.	Holy Cross Beneficial Society, Dover
Q5, p. 430	1874	"	African ME Church, Dover
Q5, p. 264	1874	"	Wesley ME Church, Mispillion
S5, p. 19	1874	Deed	Mt. Olive MP Church, Milford
T5, p. 285	1876	"	UAME Church, Frederica road to Barnville Mills
V5, p. 30	1876	"	Lebanon ME Church, Lebanon
C6, p. 156	1880	"	MP Church, Felton
E6, p. 207	1880	Incorp.	Mispillion Presby. Church, Farmington
E6, p. 493	1880	Deed	Wyoming Baptist, Camden
F6, p. 19	1880	Incorp.	Wyoming Baptist
F6, p. 159	1881	Deed	Union ME Ch. on road to Hazletville
L6, p. 432	1883	Incorp	Millwood ME Chapel, School District #73
M6, p. 108	1883	"	Willis ME Chapel

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N6, p. 276	1883	Deed	Lebanon ME, Lebanon
O6, p. 458	1884	Incorp.	John Wesley ME (Col.) Jones Neck
S6, p. 37	1885	"	St. John's Reformed, Wyoming
S6, p. 39	1885	Deed	" " " "
U6, p. 436 456	1886	Incorp.	Felton MP Church, So. Murderkill Hd.
U6, p. 81	1885	Deed	Turners ME Chapel, So. Murderkill Hd.
V6, p. 436	1887	"	Personage Tr. Clayton Circuit, Duck Creek Hd.
W6, p. 121	1886	Incorp.	Frederica UAME Church
X6, p. 193	1887	"	Leipsic ME Church
X6, p. 470	1887	Deed	Hawkins's ME Church, West Dover Hd.
Y6, p. 162	1887	"	Canterbury ME Church, road from Woodside to Camden
Y6, p. 293	1887	Incorp.	Felton Institute & Classical Seminary
B7, p. 319	1889	"	St. George's Church, Williamsville
C7, p. 306	1889	"	Zion AME Church, Camden
D7, p. 132	1889	Deed	Baptist Church, Camden
I7, p. 488	1892	Incorp.	Frederica MP Church
L7, p. 474	1893	Deed	Clayton MP Church
M7, p. 360	1893	Incorp.	St. Peter's ME Church, Harrington
N7, p. 273	1893	Deed	AMP Church, N. & S. Murderkill Hd.
Q7, p. 52	1894	"	Clayton AME Church
Q7, p. 16	1894	Incorp.	Clayton Circuit MP Church
R7, p. 67	1895	"	Farmington Presbyterian Church
S7, p. 341	1895	"	Down's Chapel, MP
S7, p. 111	1895	"	Metropolitan ME Church, Harrington
U7, p. 360	1896	"	Bethel ME Church, Milford
V7, p. 439	1897	"	Wells MP Church
B8, p. 4	1898	"	St. Paul's AME Church Harrington
E8, p. 201	1899	Deed	Holiness Christian Church, Smyrna
P8, p. 448	1902	"	Ewell's Chapel, Clayton
Q8, p. 29	1902	"	St. James Bethel AME Church, 2 Miles from Felton
T8, p. 399	1903	"	ME Church, Leipsic
A9, p. 196	1904	"	Mt. Olive AME Church, Magnolia Road
D9, p. 251	1905	"	Felton & Mt. Olive Churches, Felton
L9, p. 373	1907	"	Birds AME Church, Clayton
M9, p. 427	1908	"	Pentecostal Ch. of the Nazarene, Harrington
P9, p. 182	1908	"	Felton MP Church, Felton
P9, p. 193	1908	"	Bethel MP Church, Mispillion Hd.
S9, p. 80	1908	"	Wesley Church, Dover
U9, p. 389	1909	"	St. John's AMP Church, near Woodside
U9, p. 296	1909	"	International Apostolic Church, Harrington
V9, p. 298	1908	"	Seventh Day Adventist Church, Dover
X9, p. 70	1910	"	African Me Church, Dover
D10, p. 28	1911	Incorp.	Houston ME Church
D10, p. 29	1911	Deed	Houston ME Church
G10, p. 346	1912	Incorp.	AUFCMP Church, near Plymouth
G10, p. 235	1912	"	Willis ME Church
I10, p. 330	1912	Deed	Apostolic Holiness Church, Harrington
I10, p. 360	1912	Incorp.	St. Paul's Chr. Ch., Wyoming
K10, p. 457	1913	"	" " " " "
U10, p. 252	1915	Deed	Bethel Chr. Ch., E. Dover Hd.

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F11, p. 291	1917	Incorp.	Christian Church of Dover
H11, p. 391	1918	Deed	St. Friendship AME Ch., road from Cloak's Mill to Smyrna
R11, p. 162	1919	"	Bethel ME Church near Cheswold (#207-a)
U11, p. 134	1920	Incorp.	Christian Church of Dover
Z11, p. 329	1921	"	Carlisle AME Church, road from Dover to Casson's Corner
Z11, p. 421	1920	Deed	St. Paul's AME Church., Willow Grove
B12, p. 109	1921	Incorp.	Grimes AME Church
C12, p. 176	1921	Deed	Hickman's International Holiness Church Hickman
E12, p. 314	1922	"	ME Church (Col.), Milford
G12, p. 395	1923	Incorp.	Canterbury ME Church, Canterbury
I12, p. 104	1923	"	Frederica AME Church
K12, p. 277	1923	Deed	St. Paul's AME Church., Harrington
L12, p. 46	1923	"	Zion AME Church
O12, p. 67	1923	"	Mt. Olive AME Church Kenton to Cheswold
P12, p. 490	1924	"	Wyoming Baptist Church, Camden
A13, p. 212	1926	"	Cow Marsh Old School Baptist Church on Road from Wyoming to Bright's Corner
E13, p. 329	1927	"	Todd's Chapel, Mispillion Hd.
M13, p. 42	1928	"	Houston ME Church, Houston
S13, p. 479	1930	"	Laws ME Church, Milford Hd.
S13, p. 344	1929	"	AME Church, Dover
W13, p. 358	1930	"	Union Holiness Church of Star Hill
X13, p. 439	1931	"	John Wesley ME Ch., E. Dover
Y13, p. 432	1931	"	Wyoming Bapt. Ch., Camden
Y13, p. 322	1931	"	St. Jones ME Ch., East Dover Hundred
Y13, p. 170	1930	"	Milford Neck ME Church
Z13, p. 171	1931	"	African ME Ch., N & S Murderkill Hd.
B14, p. 144	1931	"	Union ME Ch., Wyoming to Hazlettville
L14, p. 255	1933	"	Bethel MP Church, Mispillion Hd.
N14, p. 193	1934	Incorp.	Church of God, Milford
U14, p. 355	1936	Deed	Mt. Hebron Bapt. Ch., Kenton Hd.
W14, p. 82	1936	Incorp.	Union Baptist Church of Dover
B15, p. 279	1937	Deed	Pilgrim Holiness Church, Harrington

Private Acts Record

B1, p. 49	1869	Incorp.	The Sunday School Union of Grace Ch.
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Mortgage Records

Z1, p. 109	1887		Baptist Church, Wyoming
A2, p. 266	1888		St. John's Reformed Ch., Wyoming
F2, p. 163	1893		St. Peter's ME Church, Harrington
H2, p. 390	1895		Farmington Presby. Ch., Farmington
L2, p. 277	1897		St. Paul's ME Church, Willow Grove
F3, p. 163	1908		Felton MP Church, Felton
G5, p. 145	1931		Lockwood AME Church, E. Dover Hd.
V5, p. 352	1933		Solid Rock Southern Bapt. Ch., Dover

Deeds Record

A1, p. 54	1805	Incorp.	St. Matthews Epis., Cedar Ck. Hd.
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B2, p. 312	1788	Incorp.	St. Matthews Epis., Cedar Ck Hd.
B2, p. 390	1788	Deed	" " " " " "
AB25, p. 372 ½	1805	"	ME, Bridge Branch
AD27, p. 232	1804	"	Chapel Branch ME, N. & W. Fork Hd.
AD27, p. 295	1808	Incorp.	Greenville PE
AE28, p. 26	1809	Deed	Manlove Grove ME, Broad Creek Hd.
AE29, p. 102	1810	Incorp.	Zion, Slaughter Neck, formerly Hickman's
AF29, p. 102	1810	Deed	" " " " " "
AI32, p. 359	1812	"	ME, Road from Georgetown to Sorel Town
AK33, p. 370	1818	"	Broadkiln ME, Broadkiln Hd.
AK33, p.30	1803	"	Peter Knis Branch ME, Evans Branch
AK33, p. 428	1818	"	Bockim Meeting House Seaford
AL34, p. 571	1820	Incorp.	Antioch Chapel, Dagsborough
AM35, p. 480	1823	Deed	ME Middleford
AR40, p. 1	1810	Incorp.	Wesley ME, Cedar Creek Hd.
AR40, p. 1	1811	Deed	" " " " " "
AS41, p. 434	1828	"	ME, near Washington, Dagsboro Hd
AT42, p. 266	1832	"	ME, on Millroad, Dagsboro Hd.
AT42, p. 391	1832	Incorp.	Moore's Chapel ME, Little Ck. Hd.
AU43, p. 375	1833	Deed	Milton Presby., Milton
AU43, p. 234	1832	"	Canton Church, Cannon's Ferry
AV43, p. 24	1833	Incorp.	" " " " " "
AW45, p. 400	1835	Deed	Mountmorria MP, Between Laurel and Spring Hill
AZ48, p. 242	1838	"	African ME, Dagsboro Hd.
AZ48, p. 446	1839	"	Cool Spring ME, Broadkill Hd.
AAA49, p. 404	1841	"	Bethel Meeting House
AAA49, p. 187	1840	"	African ME, near Georgetown
AAB50, p. 337	1840	Incorp.	Boackim Meeting House, Seaford
AAB50, p. 464	1842	Deed	Little Creek ME, Laurel
AAB50, p. 421	1842	"	" " " " " "
AAB50, p. 336	1830	"	Boackim Meeting House, Seaford
AAC51, p. 181	1787	Incorp.	Canton ME, Cannon Ferry
AAF54, p. 313	1844	Deed	ME Church near St. Johnstown
AAG55 p. 218	1848	"	Little Creek ME Church
AAI57, p. 359	1848	"	African Church, Little Creek
AAK58, p. 196	1850	"	MP Church, N. W. Fork Hd.
AAK58, p. 320	1849	"	ME Church, Baltimore Hd.
AAL59, p. 276	1852	"	Springfield ME
AAL59, p. 505	1852	"	Frankford ME
AAM60, p. 208	1853	Incorp.	Moore's Chapel ME
AAM60, p. 135	1853	Deed	Grace ME, Dagsboro
AAQ64, p. 306	1857	"	ME Church near Redden
AAR65, p. 400	1858	"	ME Church
AAR65, p. 287	1858	"	Laurel Presbyterian
AAR65, p. 153	1855	"	Seaford's African ME
AAT67, p. 352	1861	"	MP Church, N. W. Fork Hd.
AAU68, p. 40	1856	"	Slaughter Neck MP (Col.) Cedar Creek Hd.
AAV69, p. 66	1861	"	ME, Little Creek Hd.
AAX71, p. 637	1862	"	African ME Seaford
AAX71, p. 52	1860	"	ME Ch., Little Branch to Seaford Rd.
AAZ73, p. 602	1866	Incorp.	1 st . Presbyterian Church, Bridgeville

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BC76, p. 199	1867	Deed	African ME, Nanticoke Hd.
BD77, p. 268	1867	"	Lincoln ME, Seaford
BE78, p. 108	1868	"	MP Missionary Society, Little Ck. Hd.
BF79, p. 470	1869	"	Lincoln Presby., Lincoln
BF79, p. 428	1869	Incorp.	St. George's Chapel MP, Indian River Hd.
BF79, p. 436	1869	Deed	African ME, Dagsboro Hd.
BF79, p. 391	1869	"	Lincoln Presby., Lincoln
BH81, p. 307	1869	"	Bridgeville Presbyterian
BH81, p. 259	1870	"	African ME, Broad Kiln Hd.
BK84, p. 502	1873	"	Union Wesley ME, Baltimore Hd.
BL85, p. 423	1873	"	Staytonville ME, Cedar Ck. Hd.
BL85, p. 19	1873	"	Mt. Mariah MP, Little Ck. Hd.
BM86, p. 425	1874	Incorp.	Mt. Calvary ME
BN87, p. 53	1874	"	Zion ME, Broadkiln Neck Hd.
BN87, p. 546	1875	"	Mt. Calvary ME, Little Ck. Hd.
BP89, p. 198	1875	Deed	Providence MP, Little Ck. Hd.
BP89, p. 373	1877	Incorp.	Cannon's Chapel ME, Bladesville
BP89, p. 188	1911	"	Mt. Lebanon MP
BP91, p. 87	1879	"	St. George's Blackwater
BU94, p. 305	1881	Deed	Antioch ME, Frankford
BU94, p. 572	1881	Incorp.	Mount Zion, Ocean View
BU94, p. 453	1880	Deed	Burton's ME, Harbeson
BU94, p. 520	1881	Incorp.	Wallace Chapel, Broadcreek Hd.
BU94, p. 380	1873	Deed	Delmar Church, Delmar
BX97, p. 366	1883	"	Delaware Union Church, Delmar
BBC102 p. 268	1873	"	Dority MP, Broad Ck. Hd.
BBC102 p. 271	1880	"	MP Parsonage, Broad Ck. Hd.
BBG106 p. 518	1887	"	ME Church, near Milton
BBJ109 p. 325	1886	"	ME Church, Harbeson
BBL111 p. 456	1887	Incorp.	Cannon's Parsonage ME
BBL111 p. 455	1883	"	Brown's ME, between Seaford and Bridgeville
BBM112 p. 171	1890	Deed	Gethsemane ME, Reliance
BBN113 p. 537	1889	"	Primitive Baptist, Little Ck. Hd.
BBO114 p. 212	1884	"	Lingo Chapel ME, Baltimore Hd.
BBO114 p. 551	1890	"	Cannon Parsonage, Cannon
BBR117 p. 184	1892	Incorp.	Star of Zion AME, Broad Ck. Hd.
BBR117 p. 497	1892	Deed	Union ME, South Milton
BBR117 p. 362	1892	"	St. John's Baptist, Milton
BBT119 p. 540	1894	"	ME Church, Redden
BBU120 p.28	1894	Incorp.	Redden ME
BBU120 p. 215	1894	"	Pepper's ME, Georgetown Hd.
BBV121 p. 256	1894	Deed	" " " "
BBV121 p. 346	1894	Incorp.	Lebanon ME, Staytonville
BBW122 p. 186	1894	Deed	AME Macedonia Ch., St. Johnstown
BBX123 p. 124	1896	Incorp.	St. Thomas ME, Georgetown
BBX123 p. 382	1896	Deed	Washington ME, Millsboro
BBZ125 p. 29	1896	Incorp.	Christ's Holy Church
BBZ125 p. 325	1897	"	St. Paul's MP
BBZ125 p. 432	1896	Deed	African ME Zion
CCA126 p. 33	1884	"	Johnson's Chapel, MP Rd. fr. Long Neck to Millsboro
CCA126 p. 46	1897	Incorp.	Cave Neck MP, Milton
CCA126 p. 317	1915	"	Johnson's Chapel, Indian River Hd.

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CCB127, p. 264	1894	Deed	Star of Zion AME, Broad Ck. Hd.
CCD129, p. 527	1899	"	Newark PE, Gumboro Hd.
CCD129, p. 543	1896	"	Cannon ME, Seaford
CCD129, p. 415	1894	"	Burton's Chapel ME, Rehoboth
CCE130, p. 152	1898	"	Cedar Creek MP, Cedar Creek
CCI134, p. 354	1900	"	Greenwood AM Church
CCJ135, p. 447	1896	"	Wesley ME, Lincoln
CCR143, p. 251	1902	"	MP Church, Owen's Corner
CCP143, p. 385	1902	"	Little Creek Primitive Baptist Church
CCU146, p. 586	1904	"	Trinity ME (Col.) N. W. Fork Hd.
CCX149, p. 114	1880	"	(Col.) ME Parsonage, Bridgeville
DDM164, p. 389	1905	"	God Church Baltimore Hd.
DDO166, p. 275	1908	Incorp.	St. John's UAME, near Milton
DDQ168, p. 557	1909	Deed	Apostolic Holiness Union, Bridgeville
DDV173, p. 570	1903	"	African ME, Broadkiln Hd.
DDV173, p. 373	1910	"	Apostolic Holiness Union, Bridgeville
DDV173, p. 374	1910	Incorp.	" " " "
DDQ174, p. 455	1910	Deed	" " " "
DDW174, p. 439	1896	"	Washington ME, Millsboro
DDYY177, p. 131	1911	Incorp.	Mt. Calvary ME, Bridgeville
DEC181, p. 560	1910	Deed	People's MP, Bridgeville
DEH186, p. 563	1913	"	Pepper's ME, Georgetown Hd.
DEJ186, p. 144	1913	"	Weigan's Chapel MP, Cave Neck
DEK189, p. 376	1913	"	Cedar Neck ME, Cedar Neck Hd.
DEL190, p. 119	1914	Incorp.	Wesleyan Pentecos. Of the Nazarene, Bridgeville
DEL190, p. 202	1914	Deed	" " " " " "
DEN192, p. 546	1914	"	Dist. Parsonage, Bridgeville
DEO193, p. 19	1913	"	Cedar Creek Sunday School
DEO193, p. 194	1914	"	Christ Presbyterian, Ocean View
DEQ195, p. 317	1915	Incorp.	Johnson's Chapel MP Millsboro to Long Neck
DEQ195, p. 438	1915	"	AME Church, Greenwood
DET198, p. 443	1914	Deed	St. George's Aged MP, Georgetown
DEZ204, p. 434	1917	"	Home for the Aged MP. Georgetown
DFE209, p. 200	1917	"	Providence MP, Little Creek Hd.
DFH212, p. 103	1916	"	Mt. Calvary ME, Bridgeville
DFH212, p. 104	1918	"	" " " "
DFP220, p. 412	1920	"	Union Gospel Mission , Laurel
DFT224, p. 345	1920	"	Amish Mennonite Church, Nanticoke Hd.
DFU225, p. 449	1920	"	African ME Zion, Delmar
DFU225, p. 299	1921	Incorp.	Gregg's ME, Blades
DFV226, p. 279	1920	Deed	Church of the Nazarene, Laurel
DFW227, p. 185	1921	"	Israel Church, Lewes and Rehoboth Hd.
DFX228, p. 54	1921	"	Silome AME, Slaughter Neck
DFY229, p. 294	1921	Incorp.	Macedonia Ch. near Bridgeville
DGA231, p. 24	1921	Deed	Parsonage ME, Whitesville
DGF236, p. 531	1920	"	Macedonia AME, Bridgeville
DGF236, p. 528	1922	"	Macedonia Church, Bridgeville
DGL242, p. 183	1923	"	Christian Ch., Bethany Beach
DGO245, p. 85	1924	"	Mt. Calvary ME, Bridgeville
DGO245, p. 176	1887	"	MP Church near Milton

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DGS249, p. 405	1924	Deed	John Wesley ME, Seaford
DGT250, p. 339	1924	Incorp.	Bridgeville Pentecostal Holiness
DGV252, p. 574	1925	"	Wesleyan Ch. of the Nazarene, Laurel
DGY255, p. 143	1926	Agreement	St. George's Union Church
DGB528, p. 250	1925	Deed	Wesleyan Ch. of the Nazarene, N. Laurel
DGD260, p. 199	1926	"	Pentecostal Holiness, Bridgeville
DHE261, p. 364	1926	"	Union Wesley ME, Baltimore Hd.
DHH264, p. 274	1927	"	Elect 7 th Day Adventist, Indian River Hd.
DHH264, p. 284	1925	Incorp.	" " " " " " "
DHP272, p. 583	1902	Deed	United Order to True Reformed, Dagsboro Hd.
DHY281, p. 486	1930	"	Wesley ME, Seaford
DIB284, p. 163	1883	"	Brown ME, Seaford
DIB284, p. 494	1899	"	Frankford ME, Dagsboro Hd.
DIC285, p. 140	1930	"	Pentecostal Holiness, Bridgeville
DIT302, p. 376	1936	"	New Zion ME, Laurel
DIU303, p. 572	1936	Incorp.	" " " "
DIV304, p. 18	1936	Deed	" " " "
DIW306, p. 446	1936	"	St. Matthew First Baptist, Bacon Town
EIA309, p. 502	1937	"	AME, Dolmar

Incorporation Record

A1, p. 499	1906	Incorp.	Wesley Chapel ME Church, Milford
C3, p. 32	1914	"	Trustees of Dist. Parsonage, Bridgeville pit with Union # 225

M.E. Churches

Records

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Methodist Episcopal Church
Wilmington, Conference.

Early records are missing for following churches.

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28	Bethesda	Canterbury	1780-1909
254	Hartley	Hartley	1840-1919
249	Prospect	near Vernon	1834- 87
244	Willow Grove	Willow Grove	1823-1922 (defunct)
322	Woodside	Woodside	1889-1932
241	Lebanon	Bear	1890- 50
209	Chester Bethel	Brandywine	1765-1856
255	Dulaney's	Dulaney's Crossing	1842-
247	St. Paul's	Odessa	1831- 56
201	Mt. Lebanon	Rockland	1774-1834
230	Concord	Concord	1804-1902
287	Delmar	Delmar	1867- 92
330	Omar	Frankford	1900- 24
205	St. Johnstown	Greenwood	1779-1880
231	Mt. Zion	Laurel	1809-1928
214	Sound	near Selbyville	1784-1877
215	Line	near Whitesville	1784-1873
204	Thomas' Chapel	West of Dover	1779

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