

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.

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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.