

THE CHURCHES OF DELAWARE

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*A history, in brief, of the nearly 900 churches
and former churches in Delaware as
located by the Author.*

1947

was arranged to be held on Nov. 12, 1865, with the Revs. A. Manship, J. J. Pearce, Mr. Colclazer and A. D. Davis taking part.

On Jan. 20, 1881, John T. Jakes donated a church site at the cor. of Layton Ave. and College St. More land was purchased on July 8, 1881, from Sarah A. Williams. The ground was broken for the present church on Mon., July 4, 1881. The corner-stone was laid on July 31, 1881, by the Revs. A. W. Lightbourne, J. S. Willis, J. H. Caldwell and J. N. Pilchard, the pastor. The church was incorporated on May 8, 1883. It was dedicated in September, 1883. After having been entirely redecored a reopening service was held on Oct. 7, 1888. The building was improved in 1902 and a reopening was held on Sept. 14, 1902. On Dec. 29, 1912, the church was rededicated after extensive improvements.

Zion A. M. E. Church was organized in Wyoming in 1845 and a church was built. Additional land was purchased on Sept. 12, 1848, from Geo. Jones and on Apr. 9, 1863, from John Jones. A second church was built in 1889. On Oct. 6, 1898, while a service was in progress, Sam Jones jumped up and declared, "I am the Lord and all who don't believe it are liars." Then the trouble started. Ike Fulman drew his pistol and shot into the ceiling first and then sent a bullet crashing into Chas. Waters' breast. A general melee followed after which Jones and Fulman fled to Hazlettville and then on into Maryland.

On Aug. 15, 1923, one-quarter of an acre of land was purchased from Wm. Gaynes.

Union Methodist Church (M.E.) is located four miles west of Wyoming. The first camp-meeting in this section was held, in 1805, near the site of this church. The first church was probably built previous to, or at about this time. This building was used until 1859 when it was moved away to be used as a barn. A new frame church was completed and was dedicated on Dec. 25, 1859, by the Revs. Dr. Cooke and John B. Mann. In the graveyard the first interment was John Seward who died on Feb. 23, 1847. Extensive improvements were made in 1894. Pennell Emerson donated additional land on May 20, 1931. In 1933, the minister appointed by the Conference was refused by the congregation and the church was closed. It was opened as a Sunday School in 1935 which is still continued with occasional preaching.

Thomas' Methodist Chapel (M.E.) is located four miles west of Hazlettville. One-half acre of land was donated by Hannelope Freeman-Mrs. Owen Irons to the Rev. Wm. Thomas to be used as a site for a church by "the people called Methodists to preach and expound God's Holy Word." A log chapel was built and a graveyard was laid out. On Dec. 24, 1779, Mr. Thomas transferred the property to a board of trustees. It was known locally for many years as the "Log Chapel" and as "Forest Chapel" although its official name was "Thomas' M. E. Chapel" in honor of the Rev. William Thomas. On May 13, 1781, Harry, a negro, preached upon the subject, "The barren fig tree" and from the mention made by Bishop Asbury "that the circumstance was entirely new and that the white people looked on with attention," it is believed to have been the first instance of a negro preaching to white people on the Peninsula. Harry was Bishop Asbury's servant and accompanied him on his travels.

The log chapel was moved away, in 1798, and a frame chapel was erected. This chapel was dedicated by Freeborn Garrettson. The present brick chapel was built in 1825. It was dedicated by the Rev. Solomon Higgins. In 1877, the chapel was rebuilt in modern style. The walls were raised three feet, the



Tombstone of Raymond W. Dill (1920-1985)
Co-author of *Souls in Heaven, Names in Stone*



Souls in Heaven, Names in Stone

KENT COUNTY, DELAWARE

Cemetery Records

VOLUME I

RAYMOND WALTER DILL
WILLIAM MARTIN DILL
ELIZABETH ANN BOSTICK DILL



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I-21. GREEN CEMETERY

Green, Ella; b. 5-1854, d. 7-2-1860; dau. of Elizabeth & Nathan Green II

I-22. STREETS CEMETERY

Streets, James B.; b. 1804, d. 2-11-1866; husband of Sarah Ann Streets
Streets, Sarah Ann; b. 1809, d. 9-15-1852; wife of James B. Streets

I-23. JOHN D. VOSHILL CEMETERY

Voshell, Ara Virginia; b. 2-26-1864, d. 9-21-1865;
dau. of Mary Jane & John D. Voshell
Voshell, Daniel; b. no date, d. 1824; husband of Miss Delaney of Ireland
Voshell, Daniel D.; b. 10-30-1852, d. 7-22-1872;
son of Mary Jane & John D. Voshell
Voshell, John D.; b. 7-18-1817, d. 8-12-1895; husband of
Mary Jane Hubbard Voshell; son of Miss Delaney & Daniel Voshell
Voshell, John D.; b. 7-18-1817, d. 8-12-1895;
husband of Anna Voshell; son of Miss Delaney & Daniel Voshell
Voshell, Mary Jane Todd Hubbard; b. 1-22-1822, d. 1-27-1887;
wife of John D. Voshell; dau. of Mary & Newton Hubbard of
Caroline County, Maryland

J-1. ZION A.M.E. CHURCH CEMETERY

Aikins, Harry (Jr.); b. no date, d. 1-16-1937;
Delaware, Depot Service Co., ASO
Allen, Aurdry; b. 2-14-1904, d. 9-4-1921
Benson, Sarah L.; b. 1920, d. 1958
Butler, Benjamin H.; b. 8-30-1894, d. 6-23-1960;
Delaware, Pvt., U.S. Army, WW I
Caldwell, John E.; b. 1-13-1897, d. 8-21-1957;
Delaware, Pvt., U.S. Army, WW I
Caldwell, Palm; b. 1857, d. 1918; husband of Sarah Gibbs Caldwell
Caldwell, Sarah Gibbs; b. 1859, d. no date; wife of Palm Caldwell
Causey, Annie May; b. no date, d. 4-25-1957
Causey, Mitchell W.; b. no date, d. 8-26-1965
Clark, David G.; b. 5-26-1820, d. no date
Cooper, Annie M. Guy; b. 1880, d. 1945; wife of E.C. Cooper
Cooper, Edward H.; b. 5-10-1900, d. 7-27-1941
Fisher, Caleb; no dates; Co. D, 8th U.S. Coast Infantry
Gaynes, Lillian; b. 1886, d. 1965; wife of William Gaynes
Gaynes, William; b. 9-22-1888, d. 2-6-1975; husband of Lillian Gaynes
Gibbs, Abraham; no dates; Co. I, 41st U.S. Coast Infantry
Gibbs, Carl E.; b. no date, d. 4-9-1939; son of Julia & Abraham Gibbs
Gibbs, Cleveland; b. 5-16-1895, d. 3-26-1949;
Delaware, Pfc., 310th Labor Bn., Quartermaster Corps, WW I
Gibbs, Curtis Moore; b. 2-22-1914, d. 2-24-1970;
son of Annie & Joe Gibbs; F-1, U.S. Navy, WW II
Gibbs, Etta T.; b. 3-5-1897, d. 3-29-1973
Gibbs, George Cutler; b. 11-13-1911, d. 1-15-1914;
son of Anna C. & Joseph Gibbs
Gibbs, Joseph T.; b. 1886, d. 1960
Gibbs, Julia E.; b. 9-9-1861, d. 10-24-1949; wife of Abraham Gibbs
Gibbs, Lavenia; b. 4-30-1894, d. 8-14-1965

J-1. ZION A.M.E. CHURCH CEMETERY

Gibbs, Norris; b. 9-2-1898, d. 2-4-1951
Goldsboro, Sarah E.; b. 8-27-1862, d. 8-6-1924
Goldsborough, Gene; b. 1953, d. 1960
Guy, Garrett; b. no date, d. 2-2-1924;
Delaware, Horseshoer, 349th Field Arty., 92nd Div.
Guy, William R.; b. no date, d. 6-23-1938;
Delaware, Pvt., 519th Field Arty., 92nd Div.
Hamilton, Mary A.; b. 5-15-1856, d. 3-20-1874
Holiday, Clara; b. 1871, d. 1952
Ishmon, Aaron; b. 8-5-1917, d. 12-10-1965;
Florida, Sgt., 584th Ordnance Ammo. Co., WW II
Mason, Eben; b. 10-10-1873, d. 11-26-1952
Miller, Rachel; b. 12-18-1809, d. 3-16-1880
Mitchell, Andrew; b. 1839, d. 1-26-1890
Pennewell, Gertrude; b. 1885, d. 1971
Rigby, Ethel H.; b. 8-8-1903, d. 11-6-1938
Seaphus, Lena; b. 2-11-1891, d. 10-7-1930
Stevens, Myrtle; b. 8-29-1923, d. 12-23-1959; Delaware, Pvt.,
Headquarters Dept., 1322nd Service Unit, WW II
Summers, Harriette; b. 1856, d. 1930
Townsend, Maggie Guy; b. 1886, d. 1966
White, George W.; b. 1862, d. 1931
Woodlin, William H.; b. 4-13-1885, d. 10-31-1967

J-2. DEMBY CEMETERY

Brown, Harry M.; b. 11-3-1896, d. 10-22-1922;
son of Mary E. & William H. Brown
Demby, Samuel (Jr.); b. 8-14-1904, d. 2-3-1925
Groves, Elwood; b. no date, d. 10-4-1918; Delaware, Pvt., U.S. Army
Pitts, Hanna; b. 1899, d. 1933
Thompson, James Edward; b. 6-22-1879, d. 6-17-1889;
son of Mary A. Thompson
Thompson, Leven D.; b. 1814, d. 12-8-1903
Thompson, Mary A.; b. 1812, d. 1-22-1894

J-3. QUAKER CEMETERY

Arnold, Eugenia Ridgely; b. 9-4-1884, d. 2-27-1964;
wife of John Randall Arnold
Arnold, John Randall; b. 10-24-1885, d. 3-23-1958;
husband of Eugenia Ridgely Arnold
Atkinson, Edgar H.; b. 6-7-1858, d. 10-8-1945;
husband of Elizabeth K. Atkinson; Grand Army of the Republic
Atkinson, Elizabeth K.; b. 9-6-1859, d. 1-24-1946;
wife of Edgar H. Atkinson
Brown, Alice Hunn; b. 8-8-1881, d. 12-10-1969; wife of Thomas Ross Brown
Brown, Thomas Ross; b. 4-6-1876, d. 5-16-1938;
husband of Alice Hunn Brown
Butler, Araminta; b. 9-12-1837, d. 5-25-1880; wife of William Butler
Carrow, Emma M.; b. 11-2-1848, d. 2-18-1934
Charles, Mary N.; b. 1790, d. 1858
Conard, Adeline F.; b. 3-17-1868, d. 12-1-1899;
dau. of Rebecca Moore & Augustus B. Conard
Conard, Ambrose B.; b. 3-4-1889, d. 1-29-1910;
son of Rebecca Moore & Augustus B. Conard

to be such, and severally acknowledged this Indenture to be their act and deed respectively; and that the said Abby Grace being at the same time privately examined by me, apart from her husband, acknowledged that she executed the said Indenture willingly, without compulsion or threats, or fear of her husband's displeasure.

Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

Reuben N. Nelson

Notary Public

Received for record the 29th day of July A.D. 1889

P. Assurance Recorder

A true copy of the original

Attest P. Assurance Recorder


Certificate of Incorporation, The Trustees of Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church near Camden Delaware.

To the Recorder of Deeds in and for Kent County in the State of Delaware
At a meeting of the members of the congregation of Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church near Camden, Delaware, (which congregation consists of more than fifteen persons) held at their usual place of worship, near Camden aforesaid, on the sixteenth day of July, A.D. 1889, it was resolved, as follows, viz: Resolved, that in order to avail ourselves of the provisions and benefits of Chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, we do hereby assume and take upon ourselves the name - style and title of "The Trustees of Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church near Camden Delaware," and that a certificate of that fact be drawn up and signed and sealed by Andrew Mitchell, Eben Pennewill, Thomas Baldwin, William T. Brinkley and Elias Curry, who were at said meeting (which was held in pursuance of the proper notice as by law required) duly elected trustees of said Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church near Camden Delaware, with a view to recording said certificate in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware. The undersigned elected trustees of said Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church as aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the said congregation at the time and place above mentioned for the purpose of incorporating the said "The Trustees of Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church near Camden Delaware," and that the said meeting was held at the time and place as by law required and upon the notice prescribed by law. Witness our hands and seals this day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine (A.D. 1889).


Witnesses Elijah Byrd Pastor


Witness as to Eben Pennewill
and Elias Curry


Elijah Byrd

Thomas Baldwin 

Andrew Mitchell 

Eben Pennewill 

Elias Curry 

William T. Brinkley 

Received for record the 26th day of July A. D. 1889

C. Spruance Recorder

A true copy of the original

Attest C. Spruance Recorder

Deed Philip J. Saterfield and wife, to Charles L. Christopher

This Indenture, Made the Thirtieth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, Between Philip J. Saterfield and Verma D. his wife, of Milford Hundred, Kent County and State of Delaware, of the first part, and Charles L. Christopher of the town of Dover, Kent County and State of Delaware, of the other part, Witnesseth: That the said Philip J. Saterfield and Verma D. his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Seventeen Hundred Dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to them in hand paid by the said Charles L. Christopher before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Have and each of them hath granted, bargained and sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents Do and each of them Doth grant, bargain and sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the said Charles L. Christopher his heirs and assigns, All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land and tenements, situated in the town of Dover, Kent County and State of Delaware, on the North side of Lockerman street in the said town of Dover, and bounded on the East by a lot and property of Asa Johnson, on the West by lot and property formerly owned by Alfred Barker, and fronting on said Lockerman street twenty feet and running back Northward a depth of sixty-three feet and containing one thousand two hundred and sixty square feet of land be the same more or less, the improvements thereon being a new two story frame dwelling house and store house. It being the same lot of ground mentioned in a deed from George Parris and Jane his wife to James C. Flowers bearing date the 8th day of May A. D. 1875 and of record at Dover, in the office of Recorder of Deeds wherein the metes and bounds courses and distances and a full description thereof is given and by James C. Flowers and wife, to Philip J. Saterfield by Deed bearing date the Twentieth day of May A. D. 1881 and of record in the Recorder's office at Dover, in Book G, Vol. 6, pages 234 &c, reference thereunto being had will more fully and at large appear, And All and singular the buildings, improvements, fixtures, ways, woods, waters, water courses, easements, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said lot, piece or parcel of land belonging or in anywise appertaining; and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim, demand and possibility, whatsoever of them the said Philip J. Saterfield and Verma D. his wife, and of each of them at law or equity, of, to, in, or out of the same, and every part and parcel

Stevenson, his heirs and assigns, To and for the only proper use, benefit and behoof of him the said Lealie W. Stevenson, his Heirs and Assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said William Spurry and Laura C. Spurry, his wife, have hereto respectively set their hands and seals the day and year first herein written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

Herman C. Taylor
as to both

William Spurry (Seal)
Laura C. Spurry (Seal)

Received the day of the date of the within Indenture, of the within named purchaser full payment of the purchase price therein expressed.

Attest:

Herman C. Taylor
as to both

William Spurry
Laura C. Spurry

State of Delaware }
Kent County } S.S.

Herman C. Taylor
Notary Public
Appointed Jan. 10, 1923
For Two Years
Delaware

Be It Remembered, that on this sixteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three personally came before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public for the State

of Delaware, William Spurry and Laura C. Spurry, his wife, parties to this Indenture, known to me personally to be such, and severally acknowledged this Indenture to be their act and deed respectively; and that the said Laura C. Spurry being at the same time privately examined by me, apart from her husband, acknowledged that she executed the said Indenture willingly, without compulsion or threats, or fear of her husband's displeasure.

Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

Herman C. Taylor
Notary Public

Received for Record August 18th A. D. 1923.

Edgar H. Atkinson
Recorder

A True Copy
Attest:

Edgar H. Atkinson, Recorder

Deed

.50¢ U.S. I.R. Stamp

Cancelled

William Haynes et ux
to

Trustees of Zion A. M. E. Church

This Indenture, Made the fifteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

Between William Haynes and Lillian M. Haynes, his wife, of the town of Wyoming, Kent County and State of Delaware, parties of the first part, and Joseph T. Hibbs, William Harmon, Grant Harris, George White, Harry Brinkley, Benjamin Butler, Harriet Guy and Robert Goldborough, Trustees of Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, of the town of Camden,

Kent County and State of Delaware, parties of the second part
Witnesseth: That the said parties of the first part for and in
consideration of the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) lawful
money of the United States of America, to them in hand paid
by the said parties of the second part, at and before the reading
and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby
acknowledged, Have and Each of them Hath granted, conveyed
and sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed,
and by these presents He and each of them Hath granted, conveyed
and sold, aliened, enfeoffed, release, conveyed and confirmed unto the said
parties of the second part, their successors and assigns.

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situated in the
town of Camden, Kent County and State of Delaware, and lying on
the South side of other lands of the said Church: the meters and
bounds, courses and distances whereof are as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a stake in a line of other lands of the said Church,
at a corner for lands of the Caesar Rodney School lot; thence
running with other lands of the said Church lot South seventy
and one quarter degrees East one hundred and fifty four feet
to a stake at a corner for said Church lot in a line of lands
of B. C. Hume; thence running with lands of the said Hume
South nineteen and three quarters degrees West seventy and
seven tenths feet to a stake in a line of the said Hume's
land, and is a new corner now established; thence running
a new line now established separating the lot hereby conveyed
from other lands of the said Church, North seventy and one
quarter degrees West one hundred and fifty four feet to a
stake set for another new corner now established in a line
of lands of the said Caesar Rodney School lot; thence
running with lands of the said School lot North nineteen
and three quarters degrees East seventy and seven tenths
feet to the place of beginning, and containing and laid out
for one quarter of an acre of, be the same more or less.
Being a part of the same lands and premises which Arley
B. Mancee and Keturah W. Mancee, his wife, by their deed dated
May 15, 1912, and of record in the office of the Recorder of Deeds
&c., in and for Kent County and State of Delaware, at Dover,
in Deed Record Book C. Vol. 912, page 60 &c., granted and
conveyed to the said William M. Haines, who was then William
Hilbo, in fee simple. As by reference thereto had will
more fully and at large appear.

And all and singular the buildings, improvements, fixtures,
ways, woods, waters, water courses, easements, rights, liberties,
privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said
lot, piece or parcel of land belonging or in anywise app-
ertaining; And the reversion and reversions, remainder and
remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; And all the
estate, right, title, interest, property claim, demand and
possibility whatsoever of them the said parties of the first
part, and of each of them, at law or in equity of, to, in or

out of the same, and every part and parcel thereof; To Have and to hold the lands and premises hereby bargained and sold, or intended to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns, To and for the only proper ^{benefit} use and behoof of them the said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first herein written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of
Charles du Pont Ridgley William Haynes (Seal)
Lillian M. Haynes (Seal)

Received the day of the date of the within Indenture, of the within named purchaser and grantee the full payment for the consideration money therein expressed.

Attest:
Charles du Pont Ridgley Lillian M. Haynes
State of Delaware }
Kent County }

Charles du Pont Ridgley
Notary Public
Appointed Dec. 14, 1920
For Four Years
Delaware

Be It Remembered that on this fifteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, personally came before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public for the State of Delaware William Haynes and Lillian M. Haynes, his wife, parties to this Indenture, known to me personally to be such, and severally acknowledged this Indenture to be their act and deed respectively; and that the said Lillian M. Haynes being at the same time privately examined by me, apart from her husband, acknowledged that she executed the said Indenture willingly, without compulsion or threats or fear of her husband's displeasure.

Witness under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.
Charles du Pont Ridgley
Notary Public
Camden Delaware

Received for Record August 17th A. D. 1923.
Edgar H. Atkinson
Recorder

A True Copy
Attest: Edgar H. Atkinson, Recorder

Wheed George W. Howell et ux
.50c U.S.R. to
Stamp Cancelled George S. Howell
This Indenture, made the eleventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, Between George W. Howell and Carolyn S. Howell, his wife, of the City of Buffalo, State of New York, parties of the first part; and George S. Howell, of the City of Wayne, State of Pennsylvania, party of the second part;

ZION AME CHURCH, CAMDEN, DELAWARE
Historical Marker Dedication
November 16, 2008
11:00 A.M. Worship Service

Minister: Dearly Beloved this historical marker for Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church which by favor of God and the generosity of your people is this far made possible, is a symbol of sacrifice to God and to humankind. We believe that the Heavenly Maker not only desire but gladly accepts this marker, and look with favor upon the dedication of himself and the worship of His children.

Let us therefore bring to Him praise for His guidance and aid in the proper and adequate use of the same.

Minister or someone appointed: O Lord open thou my lips and my mouth shall show forth thy praise, for thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give burnt offering, thou wouldst not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. (Ps 51:15-17) RSV

Trustee or someone appointed: We/I present unto you this historical marker to be dedicated to the service of Almighty God and the benefit of souls who worship Him.

Minister: Dearly Beloved, it is right and proper that this historical marker given in the name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, should be formally and devoutly set apart as a reminder of the history of Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church.

For such a dedication we are now assembled, and as the dedication of this marker is vain without the solemn consecration of those whose Labor is herein represented, let us now give ourselves anew to the service of God, that the fruits of our labor may tend to the glory of God and the advancement of the Kingdom.

Minister: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, we dedicate this historical marker to the holy ministry of service and worship. Amen

Minister and People together: We dedicate ourselves anew to the worship of Almighty God, and humankind in obedience to the injunction of Our Redeemer who saith; "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Minister (Prayer): Dear Lord, Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for the opportunity to gather in Thy holy name for the dedication of the “Historical Marker” for Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church.

We thank you for the marker that now stands completed and ready for the sacred service that belongs to this house, Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church. May this dedication serve to renew our vows of fidelity and loyalty to you O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord that those who worship here and pass by may see the marker and be reminded of the faith, commitment, and service of those that have gone on before us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn: “How to Reach the Masses” #221
 How to reach the masses, those of every birth
 For an answer Jesus gave the key
 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me.

Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought
 Let the world in you the Savior see
 Then all will gladly follow Him who once taught
 I'll draw all men unto Me.

Refrain
 Lift Him up, Lift Him up
 Still He speaks from eternity
 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth
 Will draw all men unto Me.

Minister (Benediction) The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord makes His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen, Amen, Amen (Num 6:24-26)

Zion AME Church -- Morning Worship Service
11:00 A.M.

Doxology:#647Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Call To WorshipRev. Rosa S. Smith

M: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord" Our feet shall
stand within they gates, O Jerusalem!

P: For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the
house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

M: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good.

P: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.

M: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, Lord I have loved thy habitation the place
where thy honor dwelleth.

P: For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

M: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

P: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things, make a joyful
noise unto the Lord, all the earth sing praises!

Opening Hymn.....#243....."Down At The Cross

InvocationSis. Lorraine Harris

Choral Response....."Thank You Lord"

Worship Through Music.....#450....."Blessed Assurance"

Scripture.....Sis. Olga Rosado

Introit ...#69.....From all that dwell below the skies; Let the Creator's praise arise.
Let the redeemers name be sung. Through every land, by ever tongue.

Decalogue (Summary).....Rev. Rosa S. Smith

Hear what Christ our Saviors saith, Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two
commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Gloria Patri.....626 ...“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen

Benevolent Offering (Missionary).....Ushers

Announcements and Welcome of Guest.....Sis. Lorraine Harris

Worship with Tithes and Offering.....Finance Commission

The Offertory Prayer#644.....

All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own; have we given thee...Amen

Worship Through Music/Altar Call.....

Sermonic Hymn ...#272.....”Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

Morning Meditation.....Rev. Rosa S. Smith

Invitation to Christian Discipleship.....#356.....”Get Right with God”

Apostles’ Creed (ALL).....

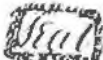
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen

Dedication Ceremony (All assemble outside near marker)

before set for the containing four acres more or less with all and singular the build-
-ings improvements hereditaments ways woods rights and appurtenances and
-tenements whatsoever hereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and also
-all the estate right title claim interest and demand of him the said Daniel C. Palmer
-there to or there in either in law or equity to have and to hold the said described land and
-premises with all and singular the appurtenances to the said Francis B. Harper his
-heirs and assigns forever And the said Daniel C. Palmer his heirs, executors and adminis-
-trators the above described lands and premises with the appurtenances hereby gran-
-ted granted or intended to be conveyed to the said Francis B. Harper from and against
-all persons or persons whatsoever now claiming or hereafter to claim the same shall
-and will forever warrant and defend. —

Signed sealed and delivered Mary D. Lingo
in the presents of us

Cornelius Palmer

Daniel C. Palmer 

State of Delaware Be it remembered that on the thirtieth day of October in the year
-Kent County of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight before the
-subscriber a Notary public of the County aforesaid Daniel C. Palmer named in this
-Indenture personally appeared and acknowledged said Indenture to be his act and
-deed, and desired that it might be recorded. — With my hand and seal of office
-the day and year above written

Elias Handuin

Received this deed to record this eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one
-Thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

V. M. Crougill Secy

A True Copy recorded and Compared with the Original. —

Attest: W. M. Crougill Secy

Deed George Jones to Trustees of the African Free Church near Camden Del.

This Indenture made the twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand
-eight hundred and forty eight, between George Jones Colored man of Camden Kent
-County in the State of Delaware of the one part and James Miller Prince Caldwell
-Palm George Samuel Mills and William Brinckley Colored of the same place Trustees
-of the African Methodist Episcopal Church near Camden aforesaid Witnesseth that the
-said George Jones for and in consideration of the sum of Fourteen dollars to him in hand
-paid by the said James Miller Prince Caldwell Palm George Samuel Mills and William
-Brinckley (Trustees as aforesaid) at and before the sealing and delivery thereof, the said George
-Jones doth hereby acknowledge and there of acquit and for ever discharge the said James
-Miller Prince Caldwell Palm George Samuel Mills and William Brinckley Trustees as aforesaid
-and their Successors by these presents have granted bargained sold released con-
-fessed released and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain and sell with full
-release and confirm, unto the said James Miller Prince Caldwell Palm George Samuel
-Mills and William Brinckley, trustees as aforesaid and their Successors all that certain
-lot or piece of land situated near the Village of Camden aforesaid it being the north
-end of a lot purchased by the said George Jones of Prince Caldwell, and adjoining the
-lot on which the said Methodist Episcopal Free Church stands beginning on the center of
-the road and running along the line of said Church lot seventy two feet seven inches the
-crossing said Jones lot sixty nine feet or there about, to the lot belonging to the heirs of
-George Jones deceased thence with the line of said lot to the road or New Street leading
-from Richards Hill to Camden aforesaid and from thence to the place of beginning

to them of the same more or less with all and singular the ways, means, rights, liberties, privi-
 leges, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining,
 and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof and also all the estate, right,
 title, claim, Interest, property, and demand of him the said George Jones in law or equity
 or otherwise, or in reversion of the same, to have and to hold the said lot or piece of land heredita-
 ments, and premises, hereby granted or mentioned or intended to be with the appurtenances,
 unto the said James Miller, Prince Caldwell, Palm George, Samuel Mills and William
 Brinkley and their successors to the only proper use and behoof of them the said James Miller,
 Prince Caldwell, Palm George, Samuel Mills and William Brinkley trustees as aforesaid
 and their successors forever, in Trust, Trusts, Trusts, and to and for the several uses, interests
 and purposes herein after expressed, limited, declared, and appointed of and concerning
 the same, that is to say, for the purpose of a Burialling, ground or place of interment for the
 bodies of the deceased members of said African Methodist Episcopal Church and such others
 not members of said Church as the said Trustees and their successors or a majority of them
 shall see proper to admit to be buried there and to and for no other use intent or purpose
 whatsoever. In Witness whereof the said George Jones hath hereunto set his hand and seal
 the day and Year first herein written.

George Jones 

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of
 unto the words not members of said Church in the
 15th line 2^d page was inserted before the execution
 of this deed also the words: Methodist Episcopal in
 the 8th & 23 lines on the first page and the 15th line on
 the 2^d page were inserted before the execution of this deed

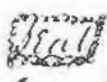
Joseph Kinney
 James Lord

Rec^d the day of the date of the foregoing Indenture of James Miller, Prince Caldwell, Palm
 George, Samuel Mills and William Brinkley Trustees of the African Zion Church near Cam-
 den the sum of fourteen dollars in full for the consideration money therein expressed.

Witness Joseph Kinney
 James Lord

George Jones

State of Delaware Kent County ss. Be it remembered that on the thirteenth day of September
 in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight before the subscribers
 Notary and Notarial Public for the said State George Jones named in this Indenture personally
 appeared and acknowledged said Indenture to be his act and deed and desired that it
 might be recorded. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day
 and year aforesaid.



Joseph Kinney

I received this deed to record this nineteenth day of October in the Year of our Lord one
 thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

W. M. Bougie Rec^d

A True Copy recorded and compared with the Original W. M. Bougie Rec^d

Deed Andrew B. Cooper to Gov. Saulsbury

This Indenture made the nineteenth day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand
 eight hundred and forty eight, between Andrew B. Cooper of Camden Kent County and State
 of Delaware of the one part and Doctor Gov. Saulsbury of Dover, County and State afore-
 said of the other part Witnesses that the said Andrew B. Cooper for and in considera-
 tion of the sum of fourteen hundred and fifty dollars lawful money of the United States
 of America paid to him by the said Gov. Saulsbury before the sealing and delivery of
 these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, sold,
 aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant

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Janes to Trustees 18248

Stevenson, his heirs and assigns, To and for the only proper use, benefit and behoof of him the said Berlie W. Stevenson, his heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said William Spurry and Laura C. Spurry, his wife, have hereto respectively set their hands and seals the day and year first herein written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

Herman C. Taylor

as to both

William Spurry (Seal)

Laura C. Spurry (Seal)

Received the day of the date of the within Indenture, of the within named purchaser full payment of the purchase price therein expressed.

Attest,

Herman C. Taylor

as to both

William Spurry

Laura C. Spurry

State of Delaware }
Kent County } S.S.

Herman C. Taylor
Notary Public
Appointed Jan. 10, 1923
For Two Years
Delaware

Be It Remembered, that on this sixteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty three personally came before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public for the State of Delaware, William Spurry and Laura C. Spurry, his wife, parties to this Indenture, known to me personally to be such, and severally acknowledged this Indenture to be their act and deed respectively; and that the said Laura C. Spurry being at the same time privately examined by me, apart from her husband, acknowledged that she executed the said Indenture willingly, without compulsion or threats, or fear of her husband's displeasure.

Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

Herman C. Taylor

Notary Public

Received for Record August 18th A. D. 1923.

Edgar H. Atkinson

Recorder

A True Copy
Attest:

Edgar H. Atkinson, Recorder

Deed

50c U.S. I.R. Stamp

Cancelled

William Haynes et ux

to

Trustees of Zion A. M. E. Church

This Indenture, made the fifteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty three, Between William Haynes and Lillian M. Haynes, his wife, of the town of Wyoming, Kent County and State of Delaware, parties of the first part, and Joseph T. Hibbs, William Harmon, Grant Harris, George White, Harry Brinkley, Benjamin Butler, Hase et Hony and Robert Haldoborough, Trustees of Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, of the town of Camden,

Kent County and State of Delaware, parties of the second part
Witness: That the said parties of the first part for and in
consideration of the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) Lawful
money of the United States of America, to them in hand paid
by the said parties of the second part, at and before the reading
and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby
acknowledged, Have and Each of them Hath granted, conveyed
and sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed
and by these presents do and each of them Hath grant, bargain
and sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the said
parties of the second part, their successors and assigns.

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situated in the
town of Camden, Kent County and State of Delaware, and lying on
the South side of other lands of the said Church; the meter and
bounds, courses and distances whereof are as follows, to wit:
Beginning at a stake in a line of other lands of the said Church
at a corner for lands of the Caesar Rodney School lot; thence
running with other lands of the said Church lot South seventy
and one quarter degrees East one hundred and fifty four feet
to a stake at a corner for said Church lot in a line of lands
of B. C. Hume; thence running with lands of the said Hume
South nineteen and three quarters degrees West twenty and
seven tenths feet to a stake in a line of the said Hume's
land, and is a new corner now established; thence running
a new line now established separating the lot hereby conveyed
from other lands of the said grantor, North seventy and one
quarter degrees West one hundred and fifty four feet to a
stake set for another new corner now established in a line
of lands of the said Caesar Rodney School lot; thence
running with lands of the said School lot North nineteen
and three quarters degrees East twenty and seven tenths
feet to the place of beginning and containing and laid out
for one quarter of an acre of, be the same more or less.
Being a part of the same lands and premises which Arley
B. Macee and Keturah W. Macee, his wife, by their deed dated
May 13, 1922, and of record in the office of the Recorder of Deeds
8c., in and for Kent County and State of Delaware, at Dover
in Deed Record Book E. Vol. 12, page 608c., granted and
conveyed to the said William M. Haines, who was then William
Hills, in fee simple, as by reference thereto had well.

more fully and at large appear.
And all and singular the buildings, improvements, fixtures,
wings, woods, waters, water courses, easements, rights, liberties,
privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said
lot, piece or parcel of land belonging or in anywise now
retaining; And the reversion and reversioners, remainder and
remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; And all the
estate, right, title, interest, property, claim, claim
privilege, whatsoever of them the said parties
part, and of each of them, at law or in equity.

out of the same, and every part and parcel thereof; To Hold
unto the said lands and premises hereby bargained and sold,
intended to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said parties
of the second part, their successors and assigns, To and for
the only proper ^{benefit} use and behoof of them the said parties of the
second part, their successors and assigns forever.
In Witness Whereof, the said parties of the first part have
hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first herein
written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of
Charles du Pont Ridgley

William Haynes (Seal)
Lillian M. Haynes (Seal)

Received the day of the date of the within Indenture, of the within
named purchasers and grantors the full payment for the consid-
eration money therein expressed.

Attest:

Charles du Pont Ridgley
State of Delaware }
Kent County }

Lillian M. Haynes

Charles du Pont Ridgley
Notary Public
Appointed Dec. 14, 1920
For Four Years
Delaware

Be It Remembered, that on this fifteenth
day of August in the year of our Lord one
thousand nine hundred and twenty-three,
personally came before me, the subscriber,
a Notary Public for the State of Delaware

William Haynes and Lillian M. Haynes, his wife, parties to this
Indenture, known to me personally to be such, and severally ackno-
wledged this Indenture to be their act and deed respectively; and that
the said Lillian M. Haynes being at the same time privately
examined by me, apart from her husband, acknowledged that she
executed the said Indenture willingly, without compulsion or
threats or fear of her husband's displeasure.

Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

Charles du Pont Ridgley
Notary Public
Camden Delaware

Received for Record August 17th A. D. 1923.

Edgar H. Atkinson
Recorder

A True Copy
Attest:

Edgar H. Atkinson, Recorder

Wheat
50th St. R.

George W. Howell et ux
to

Stamp Cancelled

George S. Howell

This Indenture, made the Eleventh day of August in the year
of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, is
between George W. Howell and Carolyn S. Howell, his wife, of
the City of Buffalo, State of New York, parties of the first part;
and George S. Howell, of the City of Wayne, State of Pennsylvania,
party of the second part;

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Guyton to trustees 1923

Deed. John Jones (Neg) and his Trustee John Harris

This Indenture, made this ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, between John Jones, the said Ann his wife of the one part and Prince N. Caldwell, William Brinkley, John Clark, William Harris and Prince G. Caldwell, Trustees of the said African M. E. Church all of Mendenhall Hundred Kent County and State of Delaware of the other part: Witnesseth, That the said John Jones and Ann his wife, for and in consideration of Fifteen Dollars, lawful money of America to them in hand paid, on or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, sold, released, confirmed and conveyed and by these presents, hath granted, bargained, sold, released, confirmed and conveyed unto them the said Prince N. Caldwell, William Brinkley, John Clark, William Harris, and Prince G. Caldwell and their successors in office (Trustees in trust for the use and purpose hereafter mentioned) all the estate, right, title, interest, claim and demand whatsoever, within in law or equity which he the said John Jones and Ann his wife hath in, to or upon all and singular a certain lot or piece of land situate lying and being in the County of Kent and State aforesaid, on the south side of the road leading from Camden to Camden Station bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a corner of Frisk B. Clark's land and running with the said line or hedge fence South Sixty eight feet, thence West eighty four feet to a corner of the burying ground of the S. African M. E. Church, thence with the line of S. burying ground north fifty seven feet to a corner in the said road leading from Camden to Camden Station thence East with said road eighty feet to the place of Beginning, containing eighteen acres three quarters square perches be the same more or less, Together with all and singular the houses, woods, water, way, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, To Have and To Hold all all and singular the aforesaid described lot or piece of land, situate lying and as being as aforesaid, together with all and singular the houses, woods, water, way and privilege thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining unto the said Prince N. Caldwell, William Brinkley, John Clark, William Harris and Prince G. Caldwell and their successors in office forever, (in trust to enlarge the burial ground of the said African M. E. Church) and the said John Jones and Ann his wife doth by these presents warrant and forever defend, all and singular the above mentioned and described lot or piece of ground with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said Prince N. Caldwell, William Brinkley, John Clark, William Harris and Prince G. Caldwell and their successors in office as aforesaid, from the claim or claims of him the said John Jones and Ann his wife their heirs and assigns and from the claims or claims of all persons whatsoever. In Testimony whereof the said John Jones and Ann his wife, have hereunto set their hands and seals this day and year above written.

Signed sealed and delivered
in the presence of
Wm. H. McPride
Nathaniel Tucker

John Jones

Ann his wife

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John Jones to Zion 1803

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was arranged to be held on Nov. 12, 1865, with the Revs. A. Manship, Pearce, Mr. Colclazer and A. D. Davis taking part.

On Jan. 20, 1881, John T. Jakes donated a church site at the cor. of Laurel Ave. and College St. More land was purchased on July 8, 1881, from Sam A. Williams. The ground was broken for the present church on Mon., July 6, 1881. The corner-stone was laid on July 31, 1881, by the Revs. A. W. Lightbourne, J. S. Willis, J. H. Caldwell and J. N. Pilchard, the pastor. The church was incorporated on May 8, 1883. It was dedicated in September, 1883. After having been entirely redecorated a reopening service was held on Oct. 9, 1888. The building was improved in 1902 and a reopening was held on Sept. 14, 1902. On Dec. 29, 1912, the church was rededicated after extensive improvements.

Zion A. M. E. Church was organized in Wyoming in 1845 and a church was built. Additional land was purchased on Sept. 12, 1848, from Geo. Jones and on Apr. 9, 1863, from John Jones. A second church was built in 1889. On Oct. 6, 1898, while a service was in progress, Sam Jones jumped up and declared, "I am the Lord and all who don't believe it are liars." Then trouble started. Ike Fulman drew his pistol and shot into the ceiling first and then sent a bullet crashing into Chas. Waters' breast. A general melee followed after which Jones and Fulman fled to Hazletville and then on into Maryland. On Aug. 15, 1923, one-quarter of an acre of land was purchased from Wm. Gaynes.

Union Methodist Church (M.E.) is located four miles west of Wyoming. The first camp-meeting in this section was held, in 1805, near the site of the church. The first church was probably built previous to, or at about this time. This building was used until 1859 when it was moved away to be used as a barn. A new frame church was completed and was dedicated on Dec. 25, 1859, by the Revs. Dr. Cooke and John B. Mann. In the graveyard the first interment was John Seward who died on Feb. 23, 1847. Extensive improvements were made in 1894. Pennell Emerson donated additional land on May 20, 1930. In 1933, the minister appointed by the Conference was refused by the congregation and the church was closed. It was opened as a Sunday School in 1934 which is still continued with occasional preaching.

Thomas' Methodist Chapel (M.E.) is located four miles west of Hazletville. One-half acre of land was donated by Hannelope Freeman-Mrs. Owen Irons to the Rev. Wm. Thomas to be used as a site for a church by "the people called Methodists to preach and expound God's Holy Word." A log chapel was built and a graveyard was laid out. On Dec. 24, 1779, Mr. Thomas transferred the property to a board of trustees. It was known locally for many years as the "Log Chapel" and as "Forest Chapel" although its official name was "Thomas' M. E. Chapel" in honor of the Rev. William Thomas. On Mar. 13, 1781, Harry, a negro, preached upon the subject, "The barren fig tree" and from the mention made by Bishop Asbury "that the circumstance was entirely new and that the white people looked on with attention," it is believed to have been the first instance of a negro preaching to white people on the Peninsula. Harry was Bishop Asbury's servant and accompanied him on his travels.

The log chapel was moved away, in 1798, and a frame chapel was erected. This chapel was dedicated by Freeborn Garrettson. The present brick chapel was built in 1825. It was dedicated by the Rev. Solomon Higgins. In 1877



THOMAS' METHODIST CHAPEL
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JONES' METHODIST CHURCH
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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

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1. Name of Property

historic name Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church

other names/site number Zion AME Church; K-6613

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2. Location

street & number Center Street not for publication N/A
city or town Camden vicinity N/A
state Delaware code DE county Kent code 001
zip code 19934

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide x locally.

(See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Donald T. Hoff October 25, 1994
Signature of certifying official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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4. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register _____
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register _____
 See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register _____
 removed from the National Register _____
 other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper

Date
of Action

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5. Classification
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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
 public-local
 public-State
 public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>Religion</u>	Sub: <u>Religious Facility</u>
<u>Funerary</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____
_____	_____

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>Religion</u>	Sub: <u>Religious Facility</u>
<u>Funerary</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Classical Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	<u>brick</u>
roof	<u>asphalt shingle</u>
walls	<u>weatherboard</u>
other	<u>wood</u>

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Zion AME Church
name of property
Kent County, Delaware
county and State

7. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

SUMMARY

The Zion African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church on Center Street in Camden, Kent County, Delaware, was originally built in 1845 and re-built after a fire in 1889. The one story Classical Revival church rests on a brick foundation which may be original to the site. The width of the church is 28 feet and 3 inches across the front and back and 36 feet 2 inches in length. The church, when established, was located in a rural section of Camden, very close to Wyoming, Delaware, on the edge of a traditionally African-American section of town. The expansion of the size of the City of Camden is readily identifiable since the white community has expanded in size towards the town of Wyoming and the African-American community has also grown in the same direction except that there is not as much development in the African-American neighborhood and there is more open space between the individual homes.

The gable-fronted church faces north and is covered in white-painted weatherboard which has a 4 1/2" reveal. The gable end of the church has a box cornice with partial returns. There is a lunette window in the front of the church which has been covered over, as well as a 6/6 double-hung sash window with colored glass, to the east of the entrance. Around 1940 two small additions were added to the front of the church. One addition is a stuccoed over narthex which has a roof line that mimics the larger one on the church. The second addition is that of a men's and lady's room. Because the bathrooms are located in an addition just to the west of the entrance in the narthex, the 6/6 double hung colored glass window which would answer the one on the east has been covered over with weatherboard. Although the front additions to the church appear to have been completed at the same time, a tell tale seam line in the plaster indicates that in fact the addition of the narthex and the addition of the bathrooms were each done separately. The narthex is entered by climbing three steps and going through double doors which open outward. Before the addition of the narthex, people entered the nave of the church from the outside through these double doors which have a glass transom.

The east and west sides of the church each have three 6/6 double-hung sash windows with colored glass. Window light colors include red, yellow, blue, brown and orange. It is thought that these windows contained stained glass until the 1950s when they were replaced with the colored lights that are still in them today. An old photograph of the church reveals that the original windows were 4/4 double hung sash. A new asphalt shingle roof was put on the church in May, 1992. At this time pieces of the original wood roof were discovered.

The interior of the church is covered with beaded cream colored wainscoting under the chair rail and modern panelling above. The church was originally heated by wood stoves. Two

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Zion AME Church
name of property
Kent County, Delaware
county and State

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interior chimney stacks extend out from the east and west slopes of the roof. Today, heat from a heater below the floor of the church enters the nave through two large grates in the floor.

A center aisle bisects the nave up to the chancel. Six red cushioned pews are on the left side of the nave and seven are on the right side. The chancel in the front of the church is separated by a white railing. To the left of the altar is a choir box which is 8 1/2 feet by 12 feet 7 inches and also has a railing. The choir box holds four, of the remaining eight original wood pews. Two of the other original pews provide extra seating in the nave, and the remaining two original pews are located together in the front of the church on the right hand side of the chancel, perpendicular to the altar.

An elaborate painted mural covers the apse behind the altar. The mural was painted around the time the church was re-built and is in good condition. The mural depicts a shepherd carrying a staff, herding his sheep near a stream. Below is painted the caption "The Lord is my Shepherd, I Shall not Want." Another item of ornamentation in the church is a needlework depiction of the Last Supper which hangs on the wall near the choir box. A wooden cross hangs down from the ceiling above the pulpit.

An old wood panel cabinet remains in the rear of the church, extra bibles and hymnals are probably kept there.

Outside, the ground around the Zion AME Church has been used since the church was established as a cemetery. The soil is quite soft and the ground is hilly. Most of the land surrounding the cemetery is to the east of the church, almost all of the graves are found there. There are probably many more people buried in the ground than there are markers indicating. There are several unmarked family plots, modern headstones and small stone markers. The oldest marked grave is from 1874 and the most contemporary is 1978. The rear of the cemetery is covered by thick underbrush. There is also underbrush in the middle of the cemetery along an aisle. The underbrush obscures many of the markers and headstones.

Cemeteries are typically laid out with graves in long parallel rows. The cemetery surrounding the Zion AME Church in Camden does not have a typical and readily definable pattern of burials. There are several rows distinguishable, but essentially many older graves are scattered in the rear of the cemetery and other markers and headstones are scattered upon the open ground. Types of gravestones range from the normal contemporary version to the crude. One example is a headstone with the name "Mother, Annie Mae" scratched onto the surface. Some graves merely have stone markers indicating a grave below. The gravestones of two Civil War veterans are identical in type, and were probably standard issue for veterans of the Civil War.

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8. Statement of Significance

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

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

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

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

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Social History
Architecture

Period of Significance 1889-1942

Significant Dates N/A

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Unknown

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SUMMARY

The Zion African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Camden, Delaware is significant under criteria A and C. It is significant under criterion A because it was the first African Methodist Episcopal church in Camden, Delaware and therefore spawned from the ideals and beliefs of the traditional African-American community in Camden, Delaware. The church is significant under criterion C because it is a good example of a diminishing resource, the rural African-American church.

Camden, Delaware, a traditional Quaker community, is said to have been a stop for slaves northward on the Underground Railroad. Beers Atlas of Delaware, 1868, clearly shows the church as being away from, and separate from, the white community of Camden, and on the west edge of the African-American community. The Zion AME Church established in 1845 and re-built in 1889, has been an important part of the African-American religious and social community of the city of Camden and its environs.

Richard Allen, the founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church was a slave of Benjamin Chew's in Philadelphia. According to Woodson, Allen and his family were traded to a planter living near Dover, Delaware, Camden is just two miles south of Dover. Allen was able to purchase his freedom for \$2,000 before founding the AME Church. Frazier described the rise of the African Methodist Episcopal Church:

Richard Allen along with Absalom Jones organized the Free African Society in 1787. Allen believed that the Methodist form of worship was more suited to the religious needs of and the form of worship the negroes had become accustomed. The movement begun by Allen under the name of African societies spread to other cities where so-called African Methodist Episcopal churches were set up. Representatives of these churches met in Philadelphia in 1816 and established the African Methodist Episcopal Church. At this meeting Richard Allen was elected Bishop and a book of discipline was adopted which embodied the same articles of religion and rules as the Wesleyans.

In 1787, 30% of all Methodists on the Delmarva Peninsula were African American. The Methodist church treated white women as second class citizens and treated African-American men and women as third class citizens. This

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undoubtedly provided the impetus for Richard Allen and his followers to found the African Methodist Episcopal Church, a church where African-Americans could worship in the manner in which they chose.

Richard Allen's movement is described by Frazier as being much more important sociologically than theologically because, for the first time the world saw the birth of a church not on the basis of some new theological propositions but solely on sociological grounds. The AME church became the arena of African-American political and social life. Individuals could attain the distinction and status within the church which was not possible in their everyday lives. Thus the reason for the establishment of the Zion AME Church was to provide a safe haven for African-American's to worship and to gather as a community without controls from the white majority. While Camden had always had a tradition of tolerance due to its strong Quaker roots, there was still a perceived need for African-Americans to collect together as a separate community.

* Zebley, in the Churches of Delaware, cites the Zion AME Church of Camden as being organized in 1845, with a church being built. The year that the first deed exists for the church is 1848, leading us to believe that the first deed went unrecorded because the 1848 deed makes mention of the church already standing at the site adjacent to the land being purchased.

* The first recorded deed that does exist for the church was filed on September 12, 1848.

"George Jones (colored) on the one part and James Miller, Prince Caldwell, Palm George, Samuel Millis, and William Brinckley (colored) of the same place, Trustees of the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church near Camden, aforesaid witnesseth that the said George Jones for and in consideration of the sum of fourteen dollars to them in hand."

The deed illuminates that this land was purchased for the express purpose of a cemetery adjoining the church. The deed explains that the land is for the trustees mentioned and their successors forever in trust for the purpose of a burying ground or place of internment for the bodies of the deceased members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and their successors or majority of them, and for no other use or interest or purpose.

* A second deed under the Trustees of the Zion AME Church was filed on April 9, 1863 in Kent County, for land which would enlarge the existing cemetery. This land was purchased by the trustees of the church from John

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Jones for fifteen dollars and was approximately sixty-eight feet by eighty-four feet by fifty-seven feet by eighty feet, abutting the existing cemetery.

* After a fire, a second church was built in 1889. Zebley recounts an interesting story concerning the church in his book Churches of Delaware. He states that on October 6, 1898, while a service was in progress, Sam Jones declared that "I am the Lord and all who don't believe it are liars." then the trouble started. Ike Fulman drew his pistol and shot into the ceiling first and then sent a bullet crashing in Chas. Walters breast. A general melee followed after which Jones and Fulman fled to Hazletville and on into Maryland.

The third and final procurement of land that the trustees made for the church, was made on August 15, 1923, when they purchased a quarter of an acre of land from William Gaynes. The initial unrecorded deed of the land on which the church stands, and the three subsequent purchases of land surrounding the church are thought to equal the existing land holdings of the Zion AME Church in Camden. *

The cemetery surrounding the church provides an eternal resting place for many people who were once fellow congregants and friends. There are at least eleven known designated war veterans buried in the cemetery. The most noteworthy are Caleb Fisher, known to have fought in Company D, of the 8th United States Colored Infantry of the Civil War, and Abraham Gibbs, known to have fought in Company I of the 41st United States Colored Infantry of the Civil War. The two headstones are identical, each with a cut out crest shape with their name and company. The exact same headstone is also found in Cedar Grove Wesleyan Church, marking the grave of a white Civil War veteran. It would seem as though this headstone was issued to commemorate the graves of all persons who fought in the Civil War. Of the remaining buried veterans, three participated in World War I and four in World War II. Evidence suggests that all of the veterans survived the time in which they were in service. The oldest marked stone in the cemetery is dated 1874 (the headstones of the two men who fought in the Civil War are undated). The most contemporary burial appears to have been in 1978.

Throughout the years the congregation of the Zion AME Church in Camden has ebbed. The current congregation is approximately twenty-four. Previous congregations have been as large as eighty. All church activities take place either in the church, rented hall or a hall belonging to another church. If large crowds are expected for an event, it is necessary for the church to rent accommodations. Occasionally other churches, or other church choirs

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visit and share Sunday services.

Several traditional annual events and celebrations take place in the church. The second Sunday in September is an annual Family Day. This day is also known as "Summers" and "Friends" Day. Each February there is an annual Men's Day and each March there is an annual Women's Day. Individual family's are also celebrated. The church has set aside specific days to honor such families as the Cowgill's, Penewell's and Gibbs', to name a few. Many current members are related to the very people who were the original trustees of the church.

The current Pastor of the Zion AME Church in Camden is Stony Daggett. The Church is part of the first Episcopal District of AME churches. Thirty-four AME churches currently exist within the state of Delaware.

The Zion AME Church is significant under criterion C in that it is representative of the type and style of church constructed in rural Delaware in the mid-nineteenth century. It is also distinctive because it is a surviving example of an African-American place of worship. Resources of this type are few within the state, the bulk of them having been abandoned or demolished.

The Zion AME Church in Camden, Delaware is a Classical Revival, white frame church, with small narthex and three windows on each side of the nave which is very similar in style to other rural churches in Delaware, established by both whites and African-Americans. Some examples of Delaware churches similar in style to the Zion AME Church in Camden are the St. Johnstown Methodist Episcopal Church and Shiloh Church, both in Sussex County, and Griffith's Chapel, Little Union Methodist Episcopal Church and Cow Marsh Church, in Kent County. These churches are similar to the Zion AME Church in Camden in that they are all basically small frame churches which were organized to fill the religious needs of certain people in rural communities. Little Union ME Church is very similar to the AME Church in Camden, although it only has two windows on each side of its nave. The Cow Marsh Church is also very similar in style, although it does not have a narthex. The Shiloh Church only lacks the partial return cornice that the Camden church has.

While there are similarities between the churches mentioned and the Zion AME Church in Camden, none are located in proximity to Camden, but rather centered in their own communities. The churches surveyed in Camden are larger than the small rural church that the Zion AME Church typifies. The

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past 40 years have not been kind to the small church as many have been demolished as their congregations have dwindled due to advancing age and migration away from the rural sections of the state, to the now urban areas of Dover and Wilmington, or out of Delaware.

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COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

ZONE: UPPER PENINSULA
PERIODS: 1880-1940= / - ; URBANIZATION & EARLY SUBURBANIZATION
THEME: RELIGION
PROPERTY TYPES: PLACE OF WORSHIP, CEMETERY

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

N/A preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

N/A previously listed in the National Register

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property less than 1 acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

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

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10. BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The area described by and included within this nomination is the property of the Zion AME Church of Camden. The bounds are the legal limits of tax parcel NM-02-094.07-01-37.01-000 as recorded by the Kent County Recorder of Deeds, Dover, Delaware.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

This nomination includes all of the land historically associated with the Zion AME Church of Camden.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 94001388 Date Listed: 11/25/95

Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church Kent DE
Property Name: County: State:

Multiple Name _____

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patricia Adams
Signature of the Keeper

1/26/96
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

This SLR corrects a technical omission. The DE SHPO requests that an additional Area of Significance, "Ethnic Heritage-Black," be added; it was inadvertently omitted from the form. The nomination is officially amended to add the additional Area of Significance.

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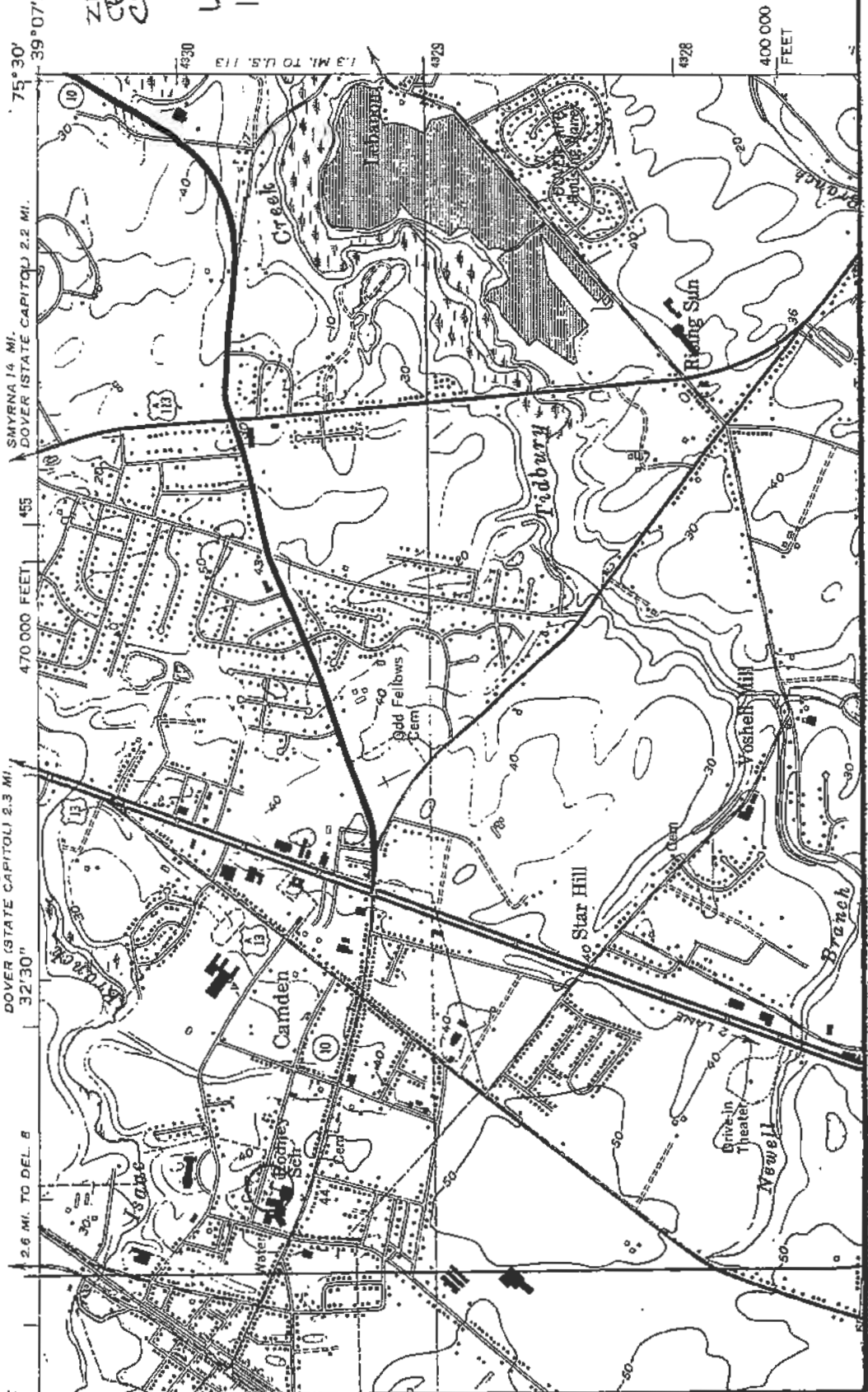
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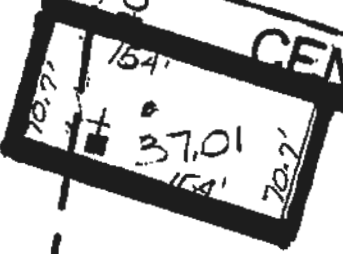
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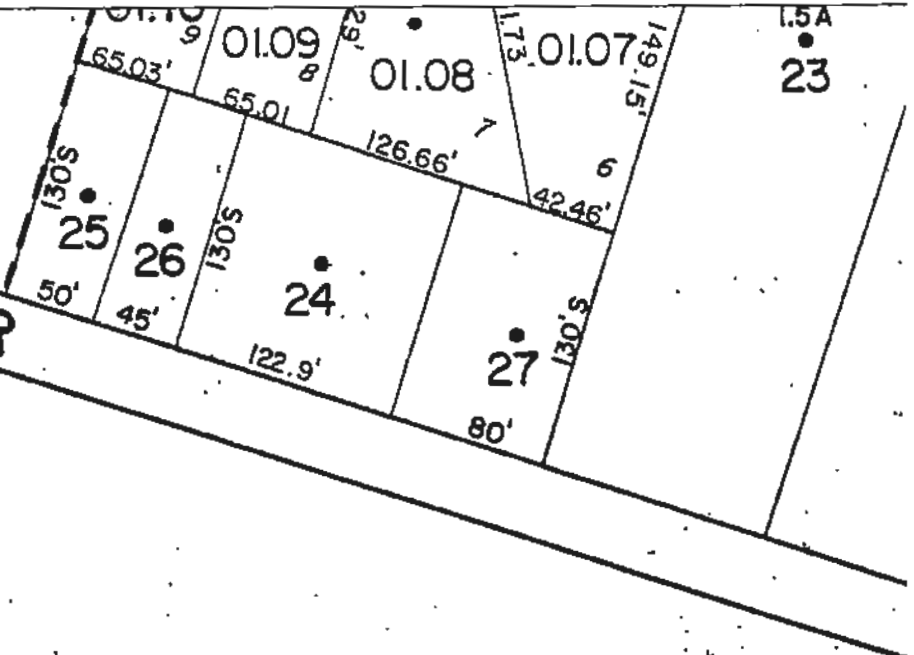
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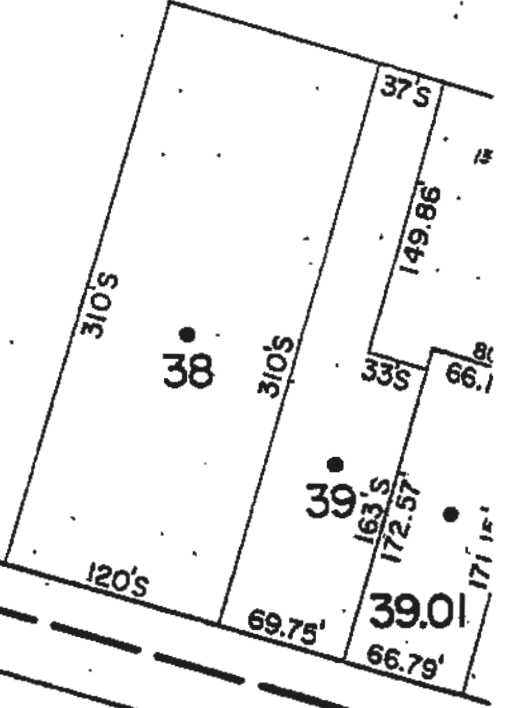
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ARKANSAS, OUACHITA COUNTY, Tyson Family Commercial Building, 151 Adams St., SE., Camden, 94001339, NOMINATION, 11/21/94
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5 The first recorded deed that does exist for the church was filed on September 12, 1848.
*George Jones (Colored) on the one part and James Miller, Prince Caldwell, Palm George, Samuel Millis, and William Brinckley (Colored) of the same Place, Trustees of the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church near Camden, aforesaid witnesseth that the said George Jones for and in consideration of the sum of Fourteen dollars to them in hand."
The deed illuminates that this land was purchased for the express purpose of a cemetery adjoining the church. The deed explains that the land is for the trustees mentioned and their successors forever in trust

for the purpose of a burying ground or place of internment for the bodies of the deceased members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and their successors or majority of them, and for no other use or interest or purpose.

- **Underground Railroad Sites (U):** These sites have verified association between individuals, events, and places with the network of people who assisted fugitive enslaved people in their escape to freedom.
- **Cultural Context Sites (C):** Connotes a site or area that is related to broad themes of the Underground Railroad historic context such as the growth of free black communities and churches, abolitionist Quaker families and meetinghouses, African Americans in the Civil War and others.
- **Commemorative/Interpretive Sites (I):** Sites that commemorate specific Underground Railroad events or interpret the general history of the Underground Railroad, including museums and historical markers.
- **Evocative Landscape Site (E):** Connotes a site or area that visually evokes the general undisturbed historic landscape of this part of Delaware providing the traveler with an experience as removed as possible from contemporary intrusion.

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SEGMENT 1: THE GAUNTLET: This was the most dangerous part of the journey for freedom seekers due to local pro-slavery sentiments and roving slave hunters. In addition, the flat, open agricultural fields in this segment were difficult to cross undetected except at night. This segment includes an optional loop that passes through Camden and Dover.

Sandtown to Camden

1. **Sandtown (U)**
This small town was once home to a community with residents who were active in the Underground Railroad. This town was mentioned by Harriet Tubman as part of her route in an interview with historian Wilbur Siebert in 1897 but research has not uncovered any further detail to date.
2. **Route 10 Agricultural Landscape (E)**
This is a rapidly developing but predominantly agricultural area that retains openness.
3. **Henry Cowgill Farm Site (U) (E)**
The Cowgills were a prominent Delaware Quaker family, and family oral tradition states that Henry Cowgill and his wife helped fleeing slaves by housing fugitives in the family's home or barn and providing them with much needed food, rest, and clothing during their stay. None of the buildings from this time period survive.
4. **Willow Grove (U)(C)**
Willow Grove has been linked to Underground Railroad through Harriet Tubman. It was also a rendezvous point for the Dover Eight and today retains much of its historic character. After the escape from the Dover jail, William Brinkley escorted six of the eight fugitives who backtracked from Dover to his home in Camden back to Willow Grove presumably to regroup and take another route north.

Optional Camden and Dover Loop

5. **Free Black settlement west of Camden (C)**
The area west of Camden was once a free African American neighborhood that included the Zion AME Church. Not many buildings from the historic period survive.

6. **Zion AME Church (C)**

An African Methodist Episcopal congregation has met on this site since 1845 but the surviving church building dates from 1889. The adjoining cemetery includes the burials and markers of United States Colored Troops Caleb Fisher and Abraham Gibbs, the son of Abel Gibbs (later Abraham), one of Harriet Tubman's Camden connections on the Underground Railroad.

7. **Camden Historic District (C)**

The Camden Historic District is on the **National Register of Historic Places** with many of the structures dating to the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. This community was a stronghold of anti-slavery sentiment dating back to the founding of the town when it was known as Mifflin's Crossroads in the late eighteenth century. The strong Quaker community was centered on the Camden Friends Meetinghouse.

8. **Camden Friends Meeting House (C)(I)**

On the **National Register of Historic Places**, the meetinghouse was built in 1804. It was both the weekly meetinghouse for Camden area Quakers and the place of worship for the larger regional Quaker community. Allied with the Hicksite branch of the Quaker faith—the more ardently anti-slavery branch of the mainstream Quaker community—the meetinghouse also shared the status as a monthly meeting place for the Quaker community stretching from Lewes to Odessa with the Meeting House at Little Creek in eastern Kent County. Prominent Abolitionists from local families are buried in the adjoining cemetery including John Hunn who was prosecuted in 1848 with Thomas Garrett for assisting runaway slaves. The site includes a State Archives marker about John Hunn and the Underground Railroad.

9. **Whatcoat Methodist Episcopal Church (Morningstar Institutional Church of God in Christ) (C)**

This building was the second church constructed for this white Methodist congregation in Camden. Dedicated in 1857, this church was built by prominent free African American bricklayer Absalom Gibbs.

10. **Brinkley Hill (Free Black Settlement north of Camden) (U)**

During the mid-nineteenth Century there was a small predominately African American community north of Camden was called "Brinkley Hill". This densely settled area was home to William Brinkley, a well documented conductor on the Underground Railroad, and his brother Nathaniel. These free men were vocal supporters of maintaining the rights of free people of color, signing their names to petitions opposing the limiting of their rights by the State Legislature. Letters from William Brinkley to Thomas Garrett survive documenting his activity, and he was also mentioned by Harriet Tubman in her interview with historian Wilbur Siebert in 1897. Unfortunately, nothing physically remains of this important and historic community today.

11. **Brecknock Park (E)**

Begun ca. 1750, Brecknock, the main house of the Hanson-Howell estate, is the focal point of this Kent County park. Located across Main Street from Brinkley Hill, the evocative aspects of this property include the main house that was present during the Underground Railroad period, and the nature trail that allows the visitor to explore the wooded area along Isaac's Branch, the site of the milling operation that helped establish the prosperity of the owner.

12. **Great Geneva (C)**

One of two family homes within the vast land holdings of the Hunn family near Forest Landing at the confluence of the St. Jones River and Tidbury Creek. A wealthy and prominent Quaker family, the Hunns may have been involved in assisting escaping

the route, which heightens the awareness of the fields, sky, and road itself. Ditches alongside the road provide some variety in both color and form. Unfortunately, recent development has left its mark on the landscape in this section. As the road draws closer to Camden, the frequency of new construction appears to increase, putting the historic and cultural integrity of agricultural sections like this one at greater risk.



Caesar Rodney Avenue, Camden, Kent County

At the intersection of Route 10 and Camden-Wyoming Avenue, the traveler has the option of continuing onto that segment of the route or to take the optional Camden and Dover loop. The main Scenic Byway route departs from Route 10, turning left onto Camden-Wyoming Avenue and passing through the town of Wyoming. The Wyoming Historic District was recognized on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974 for its collection of historic structures that date from the 1750s to the end of the nineteenth century.⁵⁰ The district encompasses 65 structures on 316 acres along Camden-Wyoming Avenue and Main Street. Here, the historic townscapes offer a variety of small structures that provide visual interest. The segment ends at the intersection with Railroad Avenue, where a right turn brings the traveler onto Route 15 and the next segment of the route.

Optional Camden and Dover Loop

Camden and Dover were very significant in the story of the Underground Railroad albeit for different reasons. For the traveler who wishes to see these sites, there is an optional loop that begins when Route 10 enters the town of Camden and meets Camden-Wyoming Avenue. To continue on the main route to the end of this segment one turns left and picks up in the section on Segment 2. To follow the Camden-Dover Loop one turns right.

As an abolitionist center with an active Quaker community and surrounded by a cluster of free black communities, the Camden area was an important station on the Underground Railroad where freedom seekers could rest, make connections to continue their journey and get new clothes and shoes for the next leg.

As the state capital, Dover was the seat of the legislature and legal challenges to slavery and of the courts where Delaware as a slave state tried and convicted Freedom Seekers and those who assisted them.

From the intersection of Route 10 and Camden-Wyoming Avenue, go straight ahead down Rodney Avenue, and there, flanked by Fred Fifer Middle School, stands the Zion A.M.E. Church, a small white church with a steeple among tall trees which marks the location of the historic Free African American neighborhood that was active in the Underground Railroad. This church was built in 1889 for a congregation that was established 1845 in the same vicinity.⁵¹ The adjoining cemetery includes the burial place of Abraham Gibbs, who served with the United States Colored Troops during the Civil War. Gibbs was the son of Abel Gibbs, who later changed his name to Abraham, a man named by Harriet Tubman as one of her helpers on the Underground Railroad.⁵² The church helps to preserve the history of the African Americans in Camden who worked against slavery.

⁵⁰ National Register of Historic Places, "Delaware, New Castle County," available from <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/DE/Kent/state.html>. Internet.

⁵¹ Frank R. Zebley, *The Churches of Delaware* (Wilmington, DE: Privately printed, 1947), 226.

⁵² Larson and Bodo, 85-86.

To continue on the loop, the traveler should turn right, following Route 10 along Camden Wyoming Avenue. This road passes through the Camden townscape, with its many historic structures. The buildings, made up of many colors, shapes, and sizes, provide a variety of interesting views.

Very quickly on the right is the Camden Friends Meeting House built in 1804.⁵³ This Meeting House is important as the regional hub of Quaker worship and because it served local Quakers who were very active in the Underground Railroad. One of the Quakers who attended meetings here was John Hunn, who was buried in the adjacent graveyard in 1894. As Camden-Wyoming Avenue passes through the middle of town the traveler will see the large red brick Whatcoat Methodist Episcopal Church, built by the bricklayer Abel Gibbs (later Abraham). Members of Gibbs' family worked on the Underground Railroad and oral tradition proposes that freedom seekers may have hidden underneath the church while on their dangerous journeys north.

(Here the traveler might want to stop and follow this route description on the map since in the next part of the route new development is mixed with the historic sites.) The route makes a left on Main Street. To see the sites, you will drive two blocks, past a high school, to a park, and then turn around and go back to Camden Wyoming Avenue. The route passes two more Underground Railroad sites which are the free black community of Brinkley Hill, and an historic African-American cemetery containing Brinkley Hill residents and Brecknock Park, the site of an 18th century mill seat.



Brecknock Park, Old Camden Road, Alternate Route 13, Camden, Kent County

The route passes two more Underground Railroad sites which are the free black community of Brinkley Hill, and an historic African-American cemetery containing Brinkley Hill residents and Brecknock Park, the site of an 18th century mill seat.

The VFW Post 3238 serves as a landmark of the traveler's arrival in Brinkley Hill. During the nineteenth century, Brinkley Hill was a free black community, with at least fifteen families living in the area by 1830. Today, the homes and landscape of Brinkley Hill as a community is gone. The area was named for the Brinkley family, which included William and Nathaniel

Brinkley, two men who were active participants in Underground Railroad activities.⁵⁴ The route also passes Demby Cemetery an historic African American cemetery that belonged to the Colored Peoples Methodist Episcopal church demolished for the widening of Route 13 in the 1950s. The cemetery contains the remains of some of the descendents of the Civil War inhabitants of Brinkley Hill. Brecknock Park (seen at the end of the road) was the estate of Thomas Howell, a wealthy miller whose house and mill ruins are located within this Kent County park. Although gone physically, Brinkley Hill's location in the shadow of the estate nearby gives a sense of the social landscape of race in the nineteenth century.

Although the traveler may be tempted to get on Route 13, one is best advised to turn around at Brecknock Park and backtrack to Route 10 and turn left. The route crosses Route 13 becoming West Lebanon Road, which becomes East Lebanon Road on the far side of the intersection. The landscape along these roads is a rather unsightly urban sprawl of subdivisions and strip malls. On East Lebanon Road, after crossing a major intersection with South State Street, the route passes Great Geneva, which was one of the two Hunn family homes in the area.

⁵³ Zebley, 223.

⁵⁴ Larson and Bodo, 84-85.

Name: Free Black settlement west of Camden

Segment: 1

Site Type: Cultural Context



Although there were many ways to enter and travel through Delaware, certain locations played central roles in the Underground Railroad. Those in Wilmington recognized the importance of their southern counterparts; the *Blue Hen's Chicken*, a newspaper sympathetic to the abolition cause, reported in 1849 they "have reason to believe that the above are not all the slaves who have made their escape through our city [Wilmington] recently. The abolitionists are extremely active, and we have every reason to believe that the Underground Railroad extends a considerable distance down the State and that branches have even entered Maryland."⁹⁴ One important reason Camden was such an influential Underground Railroad stop were the numerous free black communities, including Star Hill to the east, Brinkley Hill to the north, and the area to the west of Camden. As increasing numbers of African Americans were manumitted, numerous small, free black communities sprung up all over Delaware. These communities were crucial parts of the Underground Railroad. Unlike Maryland, where in 1860 only 49 percent of the African American population was free, roughly 92% of Delaware's African Americans were free.⁹⁵ Because of this, individual communities, such as this one to the west of Camden, were able to aid freedom seekers in journeying further north.



⁹⁴ "Running Away from Happiness". Article reprinted in *The North Star*, (Rochester, New York) November 23, 1849 and transcribed in the Accessible Archives database.

⁹⁵ Essah, 38-39.

Name: Zion AME Church

Segment: 1

Site Type: Cultural Context



Although the records of church attendance do not survive, Zion AME Church was the only independent African Methodist Episcopal Church in the Camden area when formed in 1845. The church is thought to be connected to the descendants of Absalom Gibbs, the patriarch of a large family and a mason who accumulated a substantial estate by his death in ca. 1840. His son, Abel Gibbs, also a mason by trade, changed his name to Abraham soon after the Civil War ended. It is this Abraham Gibbs that Harriet Tubman referred to in her interview with Wilbur Siebert in 1897, where she recalled him as one of her helpers in Camden. His son Abraham was a musician and a private in the 41st Regiment of the United States Colored Infantry, organized at Camp William Penn in September, 1864. This regiment was present at Lee's Surrender at Appomattox Courthouse on April 9, 1865. Private Gibbs is buried in the cemetery adjoining the Zion AME Church.



As it became obvious that enlisting black troops was a boon to the Union war effort, and that the Union's overwhelming advantages in every means of war production would eventually crush the Southern war effort, the Confederate government began debating whether or not to form black regiments of its own. Many African Americans were already serving the army as laborers and body servants, but the Confederacy was hesitant to take the next step. After the twin defeats of Gettysburg and Vicksburg in the summer of 1863, letters began pouring in to President Jefferson Davis begging him to arm slaves. By February 1865, even General Robert E. Lee lent his public support to the idea, and on March 13, 1865, the Confederate Congress passed a bill that would allow for the arming of African Americans. The measure came too late to save the Confederacy, and Lee surrendered at Appomattox less than a month later.

The issue of arming African Americans in Delaware mirrored the national debate on the subject. Republican Governor William Cannon failed in his early attempts to call for black enlistment, but a need to fill the state's enlistment quotas eventually won the day in favor of black troops. In all, 954 Delaware black men fought for the Union cause. Today, there are traces of this chapter in Delaware's history along the Underground Railroad route, appearing most prominently in the cemeteries of the Zion AME Church in Camden and of Polktown, the free black community that grew up on the outskirts of Delaware City. Here, veterans of the United States Colored Troops have been laid to rest. Although this history is not directly related to the Underground Railroad, it is valuable as a reminder of the measures taken by Delaware's African Americans to win freedom and respect during the Civil War.

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Profile: African American Settlements and Churches

Delaware was a unique state in regards to the lives of African Americans during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries because of the internal struggle between the reality of slavery and idea of manumission. By 1787 manumission regulations began to be passed in Delaware. However, it is proposed that free African American settlements existed since the 1730's. As slaves began to be manumitted, additional regulations limited their 'freedom' in the sense that additional laws were passed to limit the movement of free African Americans in order to maintain a labor force for agriculture in the state. Furthermore, as African Americans were struggling to achieve freedom, they were also re-defining their role within the traditional Euro-American churches. Religion played an important role in the lives of enslaved people and was perceived by slaves as a way to return to their native lands after death. Due to the sect's tolerance of African Americans, they tended to join the Methodist church. Also, the expressive worship style of the Methodist church most closely resembled that which was practiced in traditional African religions. According to the 1868 Beers Atlas, 16 African American churches existed at this time; however, many of the churches are nameless.

Little is known about the free African American settlements in Delaware. In general the settlements tended to be located near plantations or along rivers or streams. The specific dates of establishment or population within the settlements are largely unknown. As of 1849, the location of African American churches tended to be an indicator of African American settlements but the settlements were not necessarily indicators of African American churches.

Thirty-one rural and urban communities existed within the corridor south of the Chesapeake and Delaware canal along the proposed Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway. Few specifics are known about these communities other than that they existed. A rural free African American community is defined as "a district or a more or less definitely circumscribed place containing African American members that is located remotely from the

Fairview announces Church added to historic national registry honor roll

By Laurie Kraus
Staff writer

First grade

Christopher Brown, Joshua Bull, Justin Cunningham, Laura Felicitano, Kaitlin Fitz, Laura Hailey, Haley Hake, Michael Halfacre, Andrew Huenke, Marion Jacob, Courtney Keittel;

Lindsey Lundblad, Phillip McCommons, Gary Morris, Katheryne Oldigs, Ashton Poblarp, McKenzie Roberts, Amir Sadoughi, Ross Sylvester, Taylor Volk, Michael Walden, Erica Wooleyhand and Marion Wright.

Second grade

Andrew Abbott, Kristina Aude, Carl Batson, James Baustert, Mark Blackway, Stevie Bolle, Cherita Brown, Felicia Brown, Jasmin Desselle, Jason Elliott, Jasmine Garner, Eugene Greek;

Melissa Holden, Cedric Jacob, Janai Johnson, Keith Kolodjeski, Kirstin Lundblad, David Miller, Amber Moffett, Derek Moore, Sabrina Morris, Andrew Olah, Perry Samuel, Emily Siegfried;

Matthew Smenkowski, James Sommer, Najah Squash, Megan Steeves, Natasha Stephens, Brandon Thomas, Ashley Treco, Brian Walden, David Wesstrom, Caprice Wise, Terrance Wright and Brit-tany Wurzel.

DeSomma, Erin Donoway, Kristlin Eastman, Ebony Fenderson, Karen Gander, Jessica Glanden, Jeremiah Graham;

Takia Guinn, Christopher Hailey, Sierra Hake, James Hardy, Logan Hawley, Charly Haynes, Destiny Hiser, Alexandra Hoffer, James Johnson, Amber Layton, Bo Liu, Sabrina Lord, Nicole Lowery;

Danielle Lugo, Kristin Martin, Jeffrey Mask, Megan Matthews, Erin Mitten, David Morgan, Julia Olsen, Angelica Ortiz, Jerome Phillips, Allen Ridgeway, Amanda Ritchie, Tiesha Sewell, Jason Spellman;

Colin Sylvester, Shawon Stevenson, Jessica Thompson, Leon Turner, Lauren Tynan, Dwayne Victory, Jeremiah Walker, Michael Ware and Amanda Wooleyhand.

Fourth grade

Mindy Abbott, Angela Anderson, Michael Bradham, Zachary Brown, Domonique Caldwell, Christina Caruso, Jamie Chrisler, Damon Cutrona, Joshua Desselle, Britney Fisher, Anthony Flores;

Travis Friedman, Dustin Garrett, Zachary George, Patrick Glass, Tameka Guinn, Jessica Lambert, Earl Marsh, Kaitlyn

The Zion A.M.E. Church, 20 Center St. in Camden, is here to stay.

The church, built in 1845 and restored in 1859 after a fire, received a certificate from the United States Department of Interior Sunday, recognizing the building as a historic place.

To be included on the national registry, a place must meet some standards of eligibility. A building must convey its historic appearance and it must have some significance to the area.

Robin Bodo, national registry coordinator for the State of Delaware Historic Preservation Office, said the church was the first African American Methodist Episcopal Church in Camden. The building shows the importance in the African American community and its establishment in the area.

The church joined the ranks of more than 672 other historic places in the state.

Lorraine Harris, Zion A.M.E. church clerk, said it is an exciting time for the officers and members of Zion A.M.E. as well as residents of Camden.

"We're so happy," she said.

Daniel Griffith, state historic preservation director, presented the certificate to the church during a ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 19. Zion A.M.E. is Camden's second oldest church — the Quaker Meeting House currently holds the title.

Although the church received word that they were included in the registry in November 1994, it wasn't until last month that Harris decided it was time for the church to hold a formal ceremony.

Now that the church is on the National Register of Historic Places, it may never be torn down, bought out or replaced.

"We don't ever have to worry about someone coming in and moving us out," Harris said.



HISTORIC CHURCH: Sister Lorraine Harris, in front of the Zion A.M.E. Church in Camden which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places Sunday. The church is located at 20 Center Street. Photo by Diane M. Frebert.





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