

To the Senate and House of  
Representatives of the State of Delaware  
Now in Session

The memorial of the  
undersigned respectfully sets forth that the congrega-  
tion worshipping at St. Peter's Church in the town of  
Bryant to which your memorialists belong is greatly  
inconvenienced by the want of a charter to enable the  
Wardens and Vestry of the said Church to hold and  
convey real & personal property. The undersigned  
therefore pray your honorable bodies, to grant  
them a Law enabling the said Wardens & Vestry  
to accomplish the object for which they are now  
deficient; and your memorialists will ever pray &c

Attest

Geo. W. Swain

James L. Dewley

Wm. Temple

Wm. Cunningham

Wm. Daniel

~~Memorial~~  
~~to the~~ ~~House~~ ~~of~~ ~~Representatives~~  
An Act to incorpo-  
rate the Wardens  
& Vestry of St. Peter's  
Church in Annapolis

Ho. of Reps.

Feb 9. Presented  
read, and referred  
to Messrs Cook  
Kennedy  
Jefferson  
with leave &c

Am. R. M. H.  
Clk. of H. R.

Feb 10. Bill reported.

# THE CHURCHES OF DELAWARE

by

FRANK R. ZEBLEY

Author of "Along the Brandywine"



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

1947

St. Peter's P. E. Church at Smyrna. Near Duck Creek, on the old King's Highway, north of Smyrna, Thomas Green donated one acre of land, on May 17, 1740, upon which to build a church, and to maintain a graveyard. It was here that the first St. Peter's P. E. Church was built. The chapel becoming dilapidated, a stone church was built in 1762-64. The opening service was held on Trinity Sunday, 1764. This church was used until 1827, when a new church was built on the present site in Smyrna.

The consecration services were held on Mon., June 9, 1828, with the Rt. Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk in charge. He was assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Higbee, Presstman, Mead and Robinson, the rector. This plot of land was donated by John Cummins for the sum of \$1.00. The old church was sold and the stone was used to build a wall around the cemetery plot of the Cummins' family. Within this plot, Sarah, the wife of former Governor John Clark, is buried. She died on Dec. 12, 1790. Former Governor William Temple is also buried here in an unmarked grave. The oldest tombstone is in this plot, over the grave of Francis Cwmmins, who died on Nov. 11, 1784.

In 1857, the church was remodeled and greatly enlarged. While the work was in progress the congregation met in the Presbyterian church. The church was incorporated on Sept. 27, 1858. The restored church was consecrated on May 6, 1859. The first service was held on Wed. eve., May 4, by the Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle. The services on Thurs. were conducted by the Revs. M. B. Smith and M. Wright. The church was consecrated by Bishop Alfred Lee, at the morning service, on Fri., May 6. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rev. Dr. Grammer. The Rev. Dr. Sparrow preached in the evening. Bishop Lee preached on Sat. and on Sun. both Bishop Lee and Dr. Sparrow preached.

The Sunday School building was a gift of Mrs. Susan H. Fidler. The ground was broken and blessed on June 24, 1872. The corner-stone was laid on Wed., Aug. 21, 1872, by Bishop Alfred Lee assisted by the Rev. Joshua Morsell, D.D., the rector. During a gale on Sept. 17, 1876, the church spire was blown down. It was rebuilt in 1880.



ST. PETER'S P. E. CHURCH, SMYRNA  
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ASBURY METHODIST CHURCH, SMYRNA  
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The rectory was built in 1884 on land donated by Mrs. Susan H. Fisler, on June 9, 1883. In 1885, the church was greatly improved.

The chancel window was a gift of the Rev. A. G. Cummins. A new organ was also installed. In 1890-91, a silver communion service was presented as a memorial. During the years 1896-98, six memorial windows and a brass altar cross were unveiled. Major improvements were made in 1902 including a cloister connecting the chapel and the church.

The restored church was reopened on Thurs., Apr. 3, 1902, by Bishop Leighton Coleman. The Bishop conducted a service of benediction at which time he blessed the new altar. Assisting in the services were Archdeacon George C. Hall and the Revs. C. Dexter Weeden, M. L. Poffenberger, W. J. Wilkie, W. J. Hamilton, W. H. Groff and G. Valerie Gilreath, the rector.

On May 12, 1907, Bishop Coleman blessed a peal of four bells in memory of the Rev. Alex. G. Cummins which had been presented by Morris L. Clothier of Philadelphia. In 1908, a pulpit, in memory of Bishop Coleman was installed. On Dec. 8, 1912, Bishop Frederick J. Kinsman dedicated a new organ. The church was redecorated in 1924-25.

their deed; and the said Margareh L Louden, 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. Thirtieth of Sep. 1869.

Wm. H. M. B. N. P.

Received for record this 18th day of April. A. D. 1872  
John Slay

Recr

A true copy

attest

John Slay

Recr

Deed of John Green trustee, To The Rector, Wardens & Vestrymen of St Peter's Church

Stamp 50

This Indenture, made the twenty eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Seventy two.

Between John Green trustee, of Kenton hundred Kent County and State of Delaware of the one part, and "The Rector Wardens and Vestrymen of St Peter's Church" Smyrna of the other part: Whereas Henry Green a minor child of Marion Green deceased, by John Green his uncle and next friend by his petition in that behalf did represent to the Orphan's Court of Kent County at an adjourned September term thereof, to wit, on the Fifteenth day of February last, among other things, that the said Henry Green minor was seized in his demerit as of fee of and in an undivided moiety or half part (subject to the dower right of the widow of said deceased in the whole) of the following lands, tenements and hereditaments, that is to say: All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situated in the town of Smyrna, Kent County and State of Delaware, and lying on the north East side of Union Street, in the said Town of Smyrna bounded on the South East by lands of The Protestant Episcopal Church, on the South West, by said Union Street, and on the north West and north East by lands late of Joseph C Griffith deceased, and containing about one fourth of an acre of land be the same more or less, on which is erected, a story and a half frame dwelling house, with kitchen attached and Smoke house being the whole of the real estate late of Marion Green deceased and the said Henry Green, minor, by his said petition and did further represent to the said court, that it would be for his benefit that all his interest in said lands and premises should be sold; and in and by the said petition did pray the court to direct a sale of the same, according to the provisions of the act of the General Assembly, in such case made

and provided; Whereupon, the said court, considering the said petition, did grant the prayer thereof, and make an order directing a sale, at Public Vendue, of the said interest of said Minor, in said above described land and premises, the said John Green Trustee authorizing and empowering him to make the said sale, after notice given in manner, in said order prescribed; and that he should make return of his proceedings in the premises at the term of the said Orphans Court then next ensuing; and that the proceeds of said sale should be brought into said court, or be otherwise secured for the benefit of said minor to the satisfaction of the said court; And Whereas, the said John Green Trustee as aforesaid duly returned the said order, with a certificate of his proceedings in pursuance thereof under his hand thereon endorsed; and among other things did return and certify, that on the Sixteenth day of March A.D. 1872, at 2 o'clock P. M. at the Hotel of Charles E. Foxwell in the town of Smyrna aforesaid after due notice given, he had sold all the right, share, and interest of the said Henry Green Minor, of and in the hereinafter described lands and premises, being an undivided moiety of the lands and premises mentioned to be sold in said order, at public vendue, to the said The Rector, Wardens & vestrymen of St. Peters Church Smyrna, for the sum of Two hundred and ninety one dollars, and sixty-six cents, they being at that sum the highest and best bidder for the same; And the said The Rector, Warden and vestrymen of St. Peters Church Smyrna having secured the said sum of two hundred and ninety one dollars and sixty-six cents the purchase money as aforesaid, to the satisfaction of the Orphans Court aforesaid, the said Court at the March term 1872 duly confirmed the said sale, and directed the said John Green Trustee as aforesaid, to deliver to the said purchaser a good and sufficient deed for the land and premises so purchased by them as aforesaid; all which by reference to said petition, order and return thereof, and the proceedings upon and connection with said petition, order and return thereof in the Orphans Court aforesaid, will more fully and at large appear; And the said John Green Trustee as aforesaid being by these presents about to convey to the said minor's interest in the said lands, and premises, so purchased by them as aforesaid, as directed by the said court:

Now this Indenture Witnesseth, That the said John Green Trustee as aforesaid, in consideration and pursuance of the above in part recited premises and of the said sum of two hundred and ninety one dollars, and sixty-six cents purchase money as aforesaid, paid or secured by the



said The Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of St Peters Church Smyrna as aforesaid, and in further consideration of one dollar lawful money of the United States of America, paid to him by the said The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St Peters Church Smyrna, 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, bargain, sell alien, enfeoff, release convey and confirm unto the said The Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of St Peters Church Smyrna their successors and assigns all the undivided moiety or half part (subject to the dower right of the widow of Marion Green deceased in the whole) of an in all that certain lot piece or parcel of land situated in the Town of Smyrna, Kent County and State of Delaware, and lying on the North East side of Union Street in the said Town of Smyrna, bounded on the South East by lands of the Protestant Episcopal Church on the South West by said Union Street, and on the North West and North East by lands, late of Joseph C Griffith deceased, and containing about one fourth of an acre of land, be the same more or less, on which is erected a story and a half frame dwelling house, with kitchen attached and smoke house.

Together with all and singular the buildings, fixtures, woods ways, waters, water-courses, easements, privileges, improvements, hereditaments, and appurtenances to the said lands and premises belonging or in anywise appertaining; and reversion and reversions remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim demand, and possibility, at law or in equity, of him the said Henry Green minor or which the said John Green Trustee as aforesaid by reason of the premises, or otherwise, may or can convey to, in and out of the same and every part and parcel thereof: To Have and To Hold, the lands and premises hereby conveyed, or intended to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said The Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of St Peters Church, Smyrna their successors and assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof of them the said The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St Peters Church Smyrna their successors and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said John Green Trustee as aforesaid, hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first herein written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered }  
in the presence of  
Wm R Cahoon

John Green Trustee 

State of Delaware } Be it Remembered, that on this twenty-eighth  
Kent County, S.S } day of March in the year of our Lord, one

thousand Eight hundred and Seventy two personally appeared before me Daniel M Bates Chancellor of the State of Delaware, John Green Trustee the grantor named in this Indenture, known to me personally to be such, and acknowledged the said Indenture, to be his act and deed, and desired it might be recorded as such. Given under my hand at Dover, the day and year aforesaid

Daniel M Bates  
Chancellor

Received for Record this 16th day of April A.D. 1872

John Slary  
Recorder

A true Copy

Attest

John Slary  
Recorder

Deed David Jones & others To The Rector Wardens, & Vestrymen of St. Peter's Church

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This Indenture, made the thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and seventy two, Between David Jones, and Luxinda his wife, and Mary V Green (the said Luxinda being one of the children and heirs at law of Marion Green deceased and the said Mary V Green being the widow of said deceased) of Kent County, in the State of Delaware, of the one part, and "The Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen, of St. Peter's Church Smyrna" in the State of Delaware of the other part. Whereas Marion Green late of the Town of Smyrna, Kent County and State of Delaware deceased, was in his life time, and at the time of his death seized in his demense as of fee of and in the hereinafter described lot, piece, or parcel of land, and being so thereof seized, departed this life intestate leaving to survive him his widow, the said Mary V Green party hereto, and two children to wit; the said Luxinda, now the wife of the said David Jones, parties hereto, and Henry Green, now a minor under the age of twenty-one years, his only heirs at law, to whom the said hereinafter described lot, piece or parcel of land descended in coparcenary. And Whereas by virtue of certain proceedings had in the Orphan's Court of the State of Delaware in and for Kent County, all the estate, right title and interest of the said Henry Green, minor of, in, and to the said hereinafter described lot, piece, or parcel of land was, on the sixteenth day of March A.D. 1872, sold by John Green, the Trustee appointed by said Court to make sale thereof, and at said sale was purchased by the said The Rector, Wardens,

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and Vestrymen, of St Peter's Church Smyrna, and which sale was duly returned to and approved by the said Orphan's Court at the March Term A. D. 1812, thereof all which will fully and at large appear by reference to said proceedings and the return of the said Justice, duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Orphan's Court of the State of Delaware, in and for Kent County aforesaid. And Whereas the said The Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen, of St. Peter's Church Smyrna have purchased of the said David Jones and Lucinda his wife and of the said Mary Green all their several and respective estates, and interests, dower and thirds, and right and title to dower and thirds of, in, to, or out of the said hereinafter described lot, piece or parcel of land, and the said David Jones and Lucinda his wife and Mary Green being now about to convey the same to the said The Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Peter's Church Smyrna their successors, and assigns so that the said The Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Peter's Church Smyrna, may have a full and complete title to the whole of the said hereinafter described lot, piece or parcel of land, Now Therefore This Indenture Witnesseth, that the said David Jones and Lucinda his wife, and Mary Green for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred and eight dollars and thirty-three cents lawful money of the United States of America paid to them by the said The Rector, Wardens, and vestrymen of St. Peter's Church Smyrna, before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged. And each of them both granted, bargained, and sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do, and each of them both grant, bargain, and sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey, and confirm unto the said The Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Peter's Church Smyrna, their successors and assigns, all that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land on which is erected a story and a half frame dwelling house with kitchen attached and smoke house, situated in the Town of Smyrna Kent County, and State of Delaware, and lying on the North East side of Union Street in the said Town of Smyrna, bounded on the north East by other lands of the said The Rector, Wardens, and vestrymen of St. Peter's Church Smyrna, on the South West by said Union Street, and on the North West, and North East by lands late of Joseph C Griffith, deceased, and said to contain about one fourth of an acre of land be the same more or less. It being the same lot, piece or parcel of land which was conveyed to the said Marion Green now deceased, by two several Indentures of bargain and sale, one from William K Chambers and Mary A his wife bearing date the thirteenth day of December A. D. 1856, and re-

corded in the Office for the recording of Deeds, in and for Kent County, aforesaid, in Book N vol 14 page 314 &c. the other from John Hayland Price, bearing date the fourth day of April A.D 1857, and recorded in the Records Office aforesaid in Book N vol 14, page 361 &c

Together with all and singular the buildings, fixtures improvements, trees, ways, waters, rights, Easements, liberties, privileges and appurtenances whatsoever to the said lot, piece or parcel of land, belonging or in anywise appor- taining. And the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof. And also all the estate, right title interest, property dower or thirds, claim demand, and possibility whatsoever, of them the said David Jones and Lucinda his wife, and Mary Green, and of each or either of them at law or in Equity, of, to, in, or out of the same, and of every part and parcel thereof. To Have and To Hold, the said lot, piece or parcel of land hereby bargained and sold, or intended to be, with the appurtenances, unto them the said The Rector, Wardens, and Vestry-men of St Peters Church Smyrna, their successors, and assigns. To and For the only proper use, benefit and behoof of them the said The Rector Wardens, and Vestrymen, of St Peters Church Smyrna, their successors and assigns forever. In Witness whereof they the said David Jones and Lucinda his wife, and Mary Green have hereunto respectively set their hands and seals, the day and year first herein written.

Signed sealed, and be-  
lieved in presence of,  
E. J. Goet

David Jones  
Lucinda Jones  
Mary <sup>her</sup> Green  
mark



We do hereby acknowledge that we have received of The Rector Wardens, and Vestrymen of St-Peters Church Smyrna the above named grantees full payment and satisfaction of the purchase money mentioned in the foregoing Indenture Witness our hands this Fourth day of April A.D 1872

Attest  
E. J. Goet

David Jones  
Lucinda Jones  
Mary <sup>her</sup> Green  
mark

State of Delaware, } Be it Remembered that on this Fourth day  
Kent County SS. ) of April A.D 1872, personally came before me,  
Ezekiel J. Goet Notary Public for the State of Delaware  
David Jones and Lucinda his wife and Mary Green,  
parties to this Indenture, known to me personally, to  
be such, and severally acknowledged this Indenture



to be their deed, and the said Lucinda Jones, 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.

E. J. Galt

Received for Record this 16th day of April A. D. 1872

John Slutz,  
 Recor.

Attest

A true copy  
 John Slutz,  
 Recor.

Deed George W Moore and Wife To Jacob P Dickson

Stamp \$1.00

This Indenture, made the First day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand Eight hundred and Seventy two, Between George W Moore and Sarah Ann his wife of the town of Smarna in Kent County and State of Delaware of the one part, and Jacob P Dickson of the County and State aforesaid of the other part.

Witnesseth: That the said George W Moore, and Sarah Ann his wife for and in consideration of the sum of one Thousand and fifty Dollars Lawful money of the United States of America to them in hand paid by the said Jacob P Dickson on or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Received, 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 Jacob P Dickson his heirs and assigns, all that certain piece or parcel of land, situated at Brenford Station, in Duck Creek hundred, Kent County and State of Delaware, bounded as follows, To Wit, Beginning at a Stone set in the side of the road leading from the Big Oak to Newlon and running thence with a line of land now of said Station, North twenty and a half degrees West, twelve and Sixty five hundredth perches, to a stone by a fence, Corner for lands of Donathan Brown, thence South Fifty four and a quarter degrees West twelve and Sixty five hundredth perches to a stone a corner for said Brown, thence South twenty and a half degrees East twelve and Sixty five hundredth perches to a stone in the side of the aforesaid road, thence with said road North fifty four and three quarter degrees East twelve and Sixty five hundredth perches to the place of Beginning, containing one acre of land be the same more or less and being the same lot of land and

Received, the day of the date of the within indenture, of the within named Louise Clark, the grantee, the sum of one hundred dollars, in full of the consideration money in the within indenture mentioned and expressed.

Attest: R. K. Kenney

James K. Miller

State of Delaware, }  
 Kent County, of }  
 I do hereby certify, that on the eighth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, personally came before me, John Brown, a

John Brown,  
 Notary Public  
 Delaware.

Appointed June 12th, 1876.  
 40 years

Notary Public of the State of Delaware, James K. Miller and Ella A. Miller, his wife, parties to this indenture, known personally to me to be such, and severally acknowledged this indenture to be their act and deed respectively; and that the said Ella A. Miller being at the same time privately examined by me, apart

from her husband, acknowledged that she executed the said indenture willingly, without compulsion or threat, or fear of her husband's displeasure. Given under my hand and seal of office, the day and year aforesaid.

John Brown,

Notary Public.

Received for Record this 18th day of June A. D. 1883.

John C. Gooden, Recorder.

A True Copy of Original -

Attest: John C. Gooden, Recorder.

Deed

S. M. Fidler To Saint Peters Church Smyrna

This Covenent Made the ninth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three, Between Susan H. Fidler of the Town of Smyrna Kent County and State of Delaware of the one part and the Rector Board and Vestry of Saint Peters Church of the Town of Smyrna County and State aforesaid of the other part,

Witnesseth that the said Susan H. Fidler for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar lawfull Money of the United States of America to her in hand paid by the said Rector Board and Vestry before the sealing and sealing of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged that she granted bargained and sold a land unpeppred parcel conveyed and confirmed and by these presents dothte grant bargain sell abain unpeppred parcel conveyed and confirmed unto the said Rector Board and Vestry and their successors. All that piece or parcel of land and premises situated lying and being on the North East Corner of Commerce Street and East Street in the Town of Smyrna aforesaid and adjoining lands of Noble T. German and other lands of the said Susan H. Fidler and described as follows. Beginning at the curb stone on said Commerce Street a corner for the said Noble T. German land and running with said Commerce Street South fifty eight feet to a corner East Street aforesaid. thence with said East Street North thirty and a half degrees must one hundred and forty one feet to a stake. Thence

belonging the said East Street North eighty eight and a half Acres West Ninety seven feet to a stone in the line of lands of the said Noble T. Freeman Thence with the line last mentioned South fourteen acres East one hundred and seventeen feet to a line stone and thirteen feet to the place of Beginning. Containing Two Thousand and seventy five square feet of land more or less, And all and singular the buildings improvements fixtures usages Woods pastures water courses easements rights liberties privileged hereditaments and appurtenances to the said piece or parcel of land and premises belonging or in anywise appertaining. And the Rescissions and Rescissions Remainder and Remainders Rents issues and profits Etc. of And all the Estate Right Title interest property claim Demand and Possibility whatsoever of her the said Susan H. Filler at law or in equity of to in or out of the same and every part and parcel thereof To Hold and To Hold the land and premises hereby hereinafter and sold or intended to be sold with the appurtenances unto the said Rector Recruits and Vestry and their Successors To and for the only proper Use benefit and behoof of them the said Rector Recruits and Vestry and their Successors forever. In Witness Whereof the said Susan H. Filler hath hereunto set her hand and seal the day and year first herein written.

Signed sealed and sealed in  
 presence of E. J. Golt } S. H. Filler

Remind the day of the date of the within Certificate of the within named Rector Recruits and Vestry the Circulation money therein expressed Witness  
 E. J. Golt. S. H. Filler

State of Delaware } Be it Remembered that on this ninth day of June  
 Kent-County SS } in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 E. J. Golt Notary } and Eighty Three personally came before me E. J.  
 Public Notary del } Golt a Notary Public for the State of Delaware  
 Appointed May 25. 1877 } Susan H. Filler party to this Certificate known  
 for seven years. } to me personally to be such and she acknowledged  
 this Certificate to be her act and deed,  
 Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid  
 E. J. Golt Notary Public

Remind for Record this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1883.  
 John C. Gooden Recorder

A True Copy of the original  
 Attest John C. Gooden Recorder



A.D. eighteen Hundred and fifty eight  
Geo. Ralston Recr

A. True copy Recorded & compared with the original  
attest  
Geo Ralston Recr

St. Peter's Church, and Certificate of vestrymen, & Wardens.

St. Peter's Church Anyrna Ad. Rector. Rev Julius C Gram-  
mer. Wardens. E. W. Cummins and Henry R. Parsons, Vestry:-  
E. W. Cummins, Henry R. Parsons, W. Cummins, Joseph Kennedy  
and David J. Cummins.

We do hereby Certify that the above is the true  
style, or name of the Church as with incorporated and desire  
that the same may be recorded as such as provided by law.

Sept 27. 58

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A. J. Norman  
James Roberts

Wm Cummins

A. R. Parsons

E. W. Cummins

David Cummins

Joseph Kennedy

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I Record this Instrument to Record this 5 Day of October  
A.D. Eighteen Hundred and fifty Eight

Geo Ralston Recr

A. True copy Recorded & compared with the original

attest

Geo Ralston Recr

Deed. William J Lindle Wife to William S. Emerson wife

This Indenture made the Twelfth Day of October in the  
year of Our Lord, one Thousand, Eight Hundred and  
Fifty Seven, Between William J Lindle and Mary,  
Elizabeth his wife of Marderkill Hundred, Kent County  
& State of Delaware, of the one part and William S. Emerson  
and Sabielona H. his wife of the village of Camden and of  
the County and State aforesaid, Witnesses. That the said  
William J Lindle and Elizabeth his wife, for and in con-  
sideration of the sum of Twelve Hundred and fifty dollars  
lawful money of the United States of America, unto them  
in hand well and truly paid by the said William S. Emerson  
& wife at or before the sealing and delivering these presents,  
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have and  
each of them granted, bargained, sold, alieneed, conveyed,  
released, conveyed, and confirmed, and by these presents do

INVENTORY OF THE CHURCH  
ARCHIVES OF DELAWARE

*by the*

HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY

PRELIMINARY DRAFT NOW BEING  
CHECKED FOR FINAL ACCURACY

MARCH 1940

*Binder #1*

WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION

DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE PROJECTS

OLD POST OFFICE BLDG.

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

554) and St. Barnabas of Marshallton (entry 562) have been continuously served by the same pastors. Present pastor is Rev. Milward Wheeler Riker, 1931--.

Minutes, 1761--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Milward Wheeler Riker, St. James Road. Financial, 1922--, 1 vol.; in possession of Alonzo Newlin, Marshallton. Sunday School, a1902--, 2 vols.; in possession of Evelyn Bradley. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. F8, p. 184; vol. Q30, p. 224; vol. H1, p.100; vol. U3, p. 435; vol. Z3, p. 466.

#### 539. ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, 1719--,Angola (Indian River).

Organized and first building erected in 1719, on land which had been deeded May 8, 1706, by Reger Corbett "to the public" for a religious place of worship. Wall and roof were covered with red oak boards. The building was remodeled several times. It was destroyed by fire in 1792. Present building was dedicated in 1794 and remodeled in 1882. It is a brick structure. A tower and bell were added in 1916. Was originally a part of St. Peter's parish (entry 537) and was served by the rectors of St. Peter's Church, Services are now conducted by the pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Milton (entry 540).

Minutes (including Register; also including record of burial lots sold in 1880 and a few records of Chapel of the Comforter, Long Neck), 1739-1930, 1 vol.; in possession of Miss Lightner, secretary to the Dean, Cathedral Of D. Burton, Angola. Sunday School, 1931--, 1 vol.; in church office. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Col Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. A1, p. 93; vol. O3, p. 126; vol. AAE53, p. 521; vol. AAW70, p. 215; vol. AAX71, p. 317.

#### 540. ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1728--. Federal St., Milton.

Organized 1728 by Rev. William Becket. The first church, a one story frame building, was built in 1728 and was situated three miles south of Milton at Ingram's Old Mill, This building was abandoned about 1800, and the organization became defunct. It was revived sometime prior to 1877 and services were held in the Milton Methodist Protestant Church (entry 442) until the present building was consecrated in 1877. First settled clergyman, Rev. Percival C. Pyle, 1893-94.

Minutes, 1877--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1877--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1877--, 1 vol.; in possession of Charles E. Thackery. Register, 1877--, 2 vols.; in possession of Rt. Rev. Philip Cook, D.D., Bishopstead, Wilmington.

#### 541. ST. PETER'S CHURCH, 1740--, Union St. Smyrna.

Organized in 1740. Services were held at Duck Creek, one mile from Smyrna, from 1740 until 1762. Second building, a brick structure erected on the same site, was used until present building was consecrated in 1827. The present building was remodeled in 1857 and in 1885. It is a one story, stucco-covered brick building with belfry and chimes. First settled clergyman, Rev. Arthur Usher, 1740-50.

Minutes, 1857-- , 1 vol.; Register, 1886-- , 3 vol.; Financial, 1857-- , 2 vol.; Sunday School, 1907-- , 30 vols.; in possession of rector, Rev. Frederick Marx Barton. Records of incorporation and deeds, Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. 04, p. 326; vol. L5, pp. 478 and 481; vol. M5, p. 364; vol. L6, p. 382.

542 ST. MARY'S CHAPEL, 7-1791 (defunct), near Seaford.

Organized during the colonial period, possibly as a mission of a Maryland parish, as the western boundary of Delaware at that time had not been definitely determined. Chapel was a small frame structure a few miles from the present site of Seaford. It was abandoned during the Revolutionary War, but was evidently re-opened, as the congregation was represented in the diocesan convention held in 1791. Probably became defunct shortly thereafter, from which time until the organization of St. Luke's Church, Seaford (entry 547) there was no consecrated place for Episcopal worship in this neighborhood. See: entry 522, Annual Convention of the Diocese of Delaware, Journal of 1971.

No records found.

543. ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, 1794-- , Pine St., Georgetown.

Organized and incorporated June 21, 1794. Services held in Court House until dedication of first building in 1806. Present church was consecrated in 1844 and remodeled in 1881. It is a brick building of Gothic architecture having an open vestibule and a spire. A memorial window installed in this church is considered one of the most beautiful to be found anywhere in this country. First settled clergyman, Rev. Hamilton Bell, 1806-07.

Minutes, 1844-- , 5 vols.; Sunday School, 1844-- , 4 vols.; in possession of Jacob Minor. Register, 1844-- , 3 vols.; in possession of Rev. Richard White, Pine St. Financial (record of vestry meetings, etc.). 1844-- , 5 vols.; in possession of Mr. C. B. Saunders. Record of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. P15, p. 304; vol. Y23, p. 424; vol. AAL59, p. 423; vol. BBH107, p. 195; vol. BBQ116, p. 76; vol. BBW122, p. 245; plot of burial ground, vol. BU94, p. 99½ ; vol. BU94, p. 103; vol. CCA126, p. 322; vol. CCR143, p. 33.

544. ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, 1811-- , ¼ mile E. of Pepperbox, Little Hill.

Organized and first building erected in 1811. It was a frame structure with no pews or windows. The church became defunct in 1841 but was rebuilt and re-consecrated in 1843. The present building was consecrated in 1890. It is a one story frame structure with a cornerstone and cross. First settled clergyman, Rev. Hamilton Bell, 1811-14.

Minutes, 1811-57 (including financial), 1 vol.; 1890-- , Financial, 1890-- , 1 vol.; Sunday School. 1811-57, 1 vol.; 1890-- , 1 vol.; in possession of William Truitt, Laurel. Register, 1841-- , 3 vols.; in possession of Rev. Dr. Robert Young Barber, Laurel. Record of deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. CCD129, p. 527.

545. ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, 1815-- , SW corner 8<sup>th</sup> and Shipley Sts., Wilmington.

Organized in 1815. On Apr. 26 the "Episcopal Association of the Borough of Wilmington" appointed a committee to buy a building site. A plot on

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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, October 18, 1990 - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Entries submitted to above address by professional artists.  
All original works - framed and wired for hanging.  
Entries contained in portfolio must be listed by title, media, and price.  
Sales will be removed as sold and replaced from portfolio if possible.

Friday, October 19, 1990 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Gallery open to public.

Saturday, October 20, 1990 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Gallery open to public - Autumn in Duck Creek Day, St. Peter's on the tour.

Sunday, October 21, 1990 - 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Artists' Reception - by invitation  
Evensong in Sanctuary - 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM - Open to public

Monday, October 22, 1990 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Gallery open to public

Tuesday, October 23, 1990 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Gallery closing - All works picked up by artists.  
Payments made to artists. We will not be responsible for anything left after October 23, 1990, as our insurance expires at midnight of that date.

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