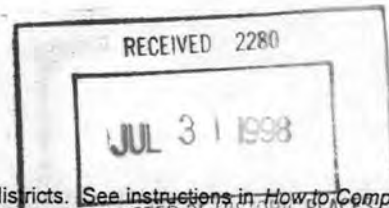


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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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 in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an 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 instruction. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name: Todd's Chapel

other names/site number: K-134

Todd's Methodist Episcopal
Church

Todd's United Methodist Church

2. Location

street and number: Junction of Todd's Chapel Road (Rd. 114) and Hickman Road (State Route 16)

N/A not for publication

city or town: Greenwood

N/A vicinity

state: Delaware

county: Kent

zip code: 19950

3. State/Federal/Tribal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

American Indian Tribe

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

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

American Indian Tribe

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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 the Keeper

Date of Action

Patrick Andrews

9/14/98

5. Classification

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

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
2	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
3	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register**

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

- Funerary
- Religion

Historic Subfunctions

(Enter subcategories from instructions)

- Cemetery
- Religious Structure

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

- Funerary
- Religion

Current Subfunctions

(Enter subcategories from instructions)

- Cemetery
- Religious Structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Other

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

- | | |
|------------|------------|
| Foundation | Concrete |
| Walls | Synthetics |
| Roof | Asphalt |

Narrative Description

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

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Narrative Description

Todd's Chapel is a one story, three bay, gable roofed, frame building built in 1858 following the vernacular interpretation of the Greek Revival Style in church construction. It is the second church building on this site. The exterior is clad with vinyl siding over the original clapboard. The interior reflects renovations completed in the twentieth century including stained glass windows, and pressed metal walls and ceilings. The Church School Building stands east of this church building connected by a small hyphen. To the east and north of the church, cemeteries dating to the third quarter of the nineteenth century are located. The surrounding rural landscape is predominately cultivated land and with several agricultural complexes. The property maintains its religious function as a Methodist church in a rural community and retains a high degree of integrity despite the twentieth century renovations.

Its location near the Kent County- Sussex County Line in Mispillion Hundred places Todd's Chapel in a rural agricultural area. The church faces south at the intersection of Hickman Road (State Route 16) and Todd's Chapel Road (County Road 114) northwest of Greenwood near the rural crossroads community of Adamsville. An earlier church building was constructed circa 1800 on this site. This earlier building was moved from the property -- it is unclear if this building is extant.

Built in 1858, Todd's Chapel consists of a rectangular mass, 32'9" x 44'9". The pilaster shaped corner boards wrap each corner and a gently sloping roof with return box cornice completes the temple-like front. Above the pilasters topped with a plain capital, the upper portion of the wall slightly projects on all four elevations. The modern exterior finishes of vinyl siding, asphalt roofing, and plexiglass storm windows protect the exterior while maintaining this classical form. The original exterior wall material of clapboard was covered with the addition of vinyl siding in 1987. The church sits on a foundation of concrete block with concrete skim coat following repairs to the original brick foundation. The facade or south elevation is three bays wide with centrally placed entry doors. Above the raised six panel doors a projecting cornice molding protects a painted plaque with the inscription "1803 Todd's Chapel 1858". The door surround consists of pilasters with carved inset. The transom light which completes the door surround is now covered over.

With a proportion of 1:4, two tall stained glass windows complete the three bay south elevation. The same window opening dimensions are utilized for all window openings in the 1858 church building. Three tall stained glass windows are evenly spaced on each of the east and west elevations. The stained glass windows replaced earlier four-over-four windows. The north elevation contains two windows positioned so as to flank the chancel on the interior. On the west elevation, a four panel door is placed between the window and south west corner of the building. This opening provides access to the stair passage leading to the gallery.

The most visible addition is the one story Church School Building wing added to the church in 1966. This addition sits parallel to the church connected by a small hyphen. This hyphen does not alter the layout or symmetry of the interior plan since it takes access from the narthex area. The addition follows the three bay gable front pattern established by the church with the entry via the central bay. The hyphen also includes a window. The exterior finish is aluminum siding with a five inch exposed face. The east elevation has five windows, the north elevation three windows, and the west elevation five windows.

The interior of the church follows a nave plan. Entry into the church first brings you into the narthex. The dimensions of this space are 19 feet by 6 feet. In the southwest corner, a door leads to the stair passage containing winder stair leading to the gallery above. The exterior door on the west elevation also provides access to this stairway. On the east wall, a door leads into a six by six foot space and the hyphen connection to the Church School Building addition. This square space was probably an earlier closet. The two windows with southern exposure light the narthex. Opposite these windows, two

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separate four panel doors lead into the sanctuary space. The walls and ceiling of the narthex are clad with pressed metal. On the walls, a grid pattern with a clover pattern rises to a height of 4 feet 9 inches. Above this pattern, a field of vertical lines capped with an egg-and-dart crown molding completes the wall surface. The pattern centered in the ceiling area is a simple coffered grid pattern.

In the sanctuary space, the side aisles divide the nave into three areas of seating. The center seating area is further divided by a centrally placed wall rising to the height of the pew back. Each side contains seven pews with nine pews in the center section. The pews are painted white with a dark brown-black painted trim on the armrest. Between the second and third windows on the sides at the transition point between pews and choir area are interior chimneys. The pressed metal wall finish wraps these elements. The chimneys are no longer extant on the building's exterior following reroofing construction activities.

At the north end of the sanctuary, is the chancel area. The chancel area consists of a raised platform. This raised platform was extended to the northeast corner to provide a segregated space for the choir and organ. A slightly bowed altar rail of turned spindles separates the raised pulpit from the seating area. Instead of an apse, the wall behind the altar and pulpit is marked by a pattern change in the pressed metal wall finish. Two vertical 'columns' support a three dimensional cornice covered with pressed metal. A pattern of elliptical rosettes decorates the column. The field bounded by the columns and cornice consists of diagonal lines.

The interior finishes reflect renovations completed in the twentieth century. The pressed metal wall and ceiling finishes were added in 1932. In the sanctuary space, wainscoting of vertical boards rise to a height of 2 feet 6 inches. The remainder of the walls and ceiling are covered with pressed metal. On the wall elevations, the metal has three distinct patterns with varied color schemes. The lower field above the wood wainscoting consists of a basketweave pattern laid using horizontal sheets to a height of 4 feet 6 inches. The upper field was laid using vertical sheets imprinted with a pattern of vertical lines and fleur-de-lis. A frieze band encircles the entire space at a height just above the window surround. Two types of design alternating within this anthemion pattern. The transition from the wall to ceiling is made using a concave curve to soften the right angle intersection. The ceiling pattern is a clover leaf pattern grid framed by a colonnade of Gothic arches. Running down the center three large coffered squares highlighted by a sunburst mark the location of lighting fixtures. Two ceiling fans were recently added at these points incorporating the earlier light fixtures. The entire composition of pressed metal walls and ceiling is further highlighted by a cream, yellow, gold, and light blue paint to emphasize certain features.

The stained glass windows extend from the top of the wainscoting to the frieze at the top of the wall. Lighter glass is used to create a lancet shape within the rectangular window opening. The windows patterns are non-figural except for a oval medallion centered in the lancet shape depicting elements such as the bible, lamb, and cross or messages including 'A Mighty Fortress is our God' and 'Lord is my light.' At the bottom of the window, a panel notes the dedication or memorial.

The gallery space that overlooks the sanctuary includes three rows of pews. The floor plane is broken into four stepped levels to allow increased visibility for each pew.

The two cemeteries associated with Todd's Chapel are located to the north and to the east of the church. To the east a small cemetery includes grave markers appearing to be children. The larger area north of the church includes grave markers dating to 1861. The cemetery is still in use.

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The area surrounding Todd's Chapel continues to be predominately rural agricultural land under cultivation with scattered agricultural complexes. There is a greater concentration of residences at Adamsville, a point of crossing the Marshy Hope Creek just west of Todd's Chapel.

8. Statement of Significance

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.)

Property is

- A owned by religious institution or used for religious purposes..
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or 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)

Architecture
Religion

Period of Significance

1858-1948

Significant Dates

1858

1932

1958

Significant Person

(Complete if criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

Todd's Chapel is located northwest of Greenwood in Mispillion Hundred near the Kent County-Sussex County line. This location also places the site within three miles of the state line between Delaware and Maryland. This resource is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as an example of mid-nineteenth century church architecture of the rural Methodist church. The church interior presents an example of the type of renovations made during the early twentieth century

The teachings of the Methodist Church were spread in America by missionaries like Francis Asbury. The Delmarva Peninsula is often called the 'Garden of Methodism.' Traveling on horseback, Francis Asbury visited this area of southwest Mispillion Hundred preaching to groups of people wherever they gathered. As early as 1777, meetings of Methodists were held at the nearby home of Judge Thomas White. Francis Asbury preached at White's Chapel (built 1780). The building that replaced White's Chapel in 1839 is not extant. White's Chapel site is approximately six miles north of Todd's Chapel. Asbury also visited other congregations in the area including Todd's, noting many of these visits in his journal writings.

Methodists in this area near Adamsville began meeting in the homes of Widow Jump and Levin Todd before 1800. Their first church building was built in 1808 on land donated by Olive Jump. The March 1803 deed gave 135 square perches of land in trust that they build a place of worship for use by members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Payment was a \$7 subscription to the building fund for the meeting house. These trustees included Levin Todd, John Gullet, Isaacs Jones Jr., James Spence, Abel Spence, and William Todd. A 1823 map of the dividing line between Kent and Sussex County drawn per Resolution of the General Assembly of Delaware marks the location of Todd's Chapel.

The present church building was built in 1858. Additional land was purchased and the chapel was built for a cost of \$2000. Todd's Chapel is an excellent example of the rural church built in the mid-nineteenth century. The peak years of church building come later, between 1870 and 1930, for the lower Delaware area. The design is an vernacular interpretation of the Greek Revival style. The detailing of the one story, gable front resembles a temple front. The interior of the church reflects twentieth century renovations. In 1932, the pressed metal walls and ceiling were added. The church was first wired for electricity in 1947. The stained glass windows were installed as memorials prior to the 100th anniversary of the church in 1958. The Church School building was dedicated on April 3, 1966.

The building and its continued care and improvements shows the pride of this local community. Community participation in a variety of church activities can be noted with the 1834 establishment of Sunday Schools. In 1916, the first Ladies Aid Meeting was held at a nearby house within sight of the church. Their efforts included driving a pump for the church in 1918 and donations of church furnishings over the years.

ZONE: Lower Peninsula

PERIOD: 1770-1830+/-: Early Industrialization

1830-1880+/-: Industrialization and Early Urbanization

1880-1940+/-: Urbanization and Early Suburbanization

THEMES: Religion

PROPERTY TYPES: Place of Worship (Church)

Cemetery

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

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

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record
- See continuation sheet for additional HABS/HAER documentation.

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
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-
-
-
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: 6.20

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

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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Verbal Boundary Description

Located in Mispillion Hundred, Kent County, Delaware Todd's Chapel is near the Kent County-Sussex County boundary line. The property is northeast of the intersection of Todd's Chapel Road (County Road 114) and Hickman Road (State Route 16). County Road 114 forms the western boundary of this 6.2 acre parcel. It is described as parcel MN-00-197.00-01-36.00-000 on Kent County property map dated October 14, 1977.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundaries include the property historically associated with Todd's Chapel and the cemetery areas.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Dawn E. Melson, Historic Preservation Planner

organization: Kent County Department of Planning

date: 3/1/1998

street & number: 414 Federal Street

telephone: (302) 736-2020

city or town: Dover

state: Delaware

zip code: 19901-

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name: Mr. Ronald H. Webb, Chairman of Trustees, Todd's Chapel

street & number: 308 Todd's Chapel Road

telephone: (302) 349-4551

city or town: Greenwood

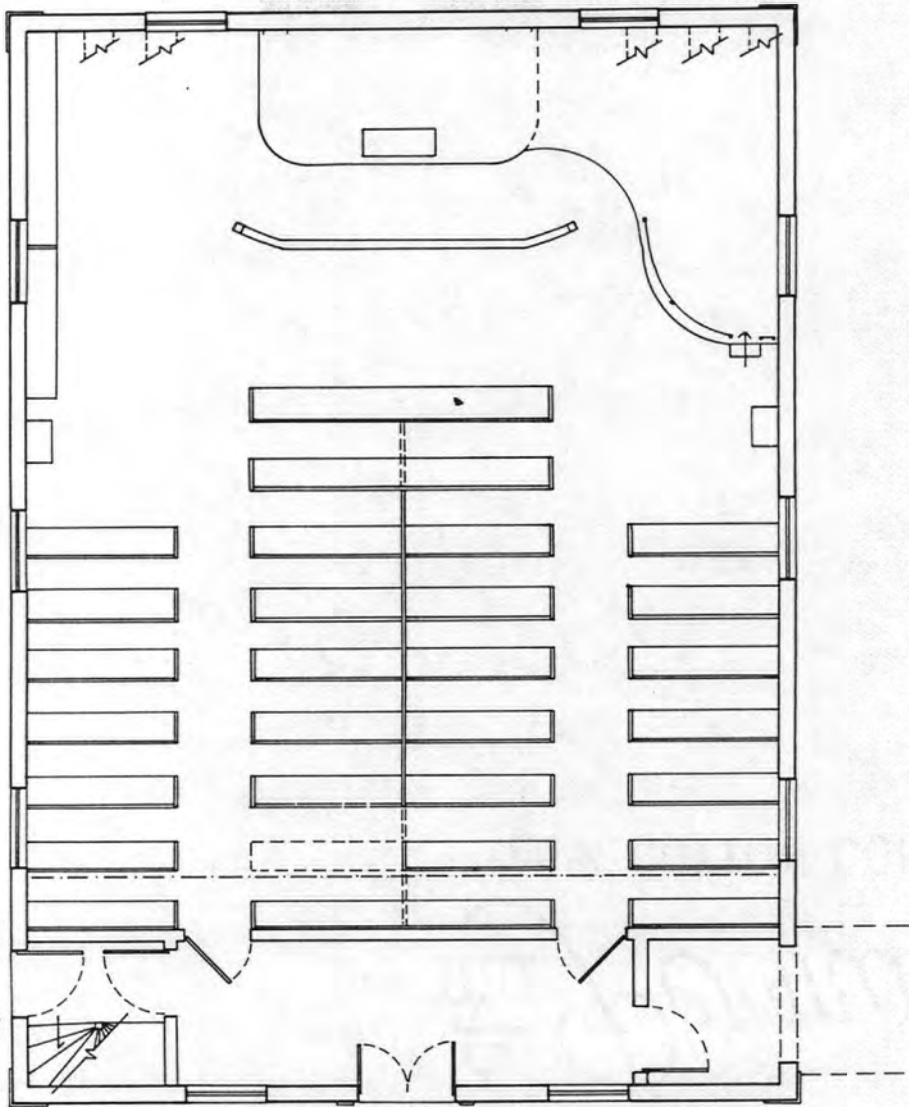
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zip code: 19950-

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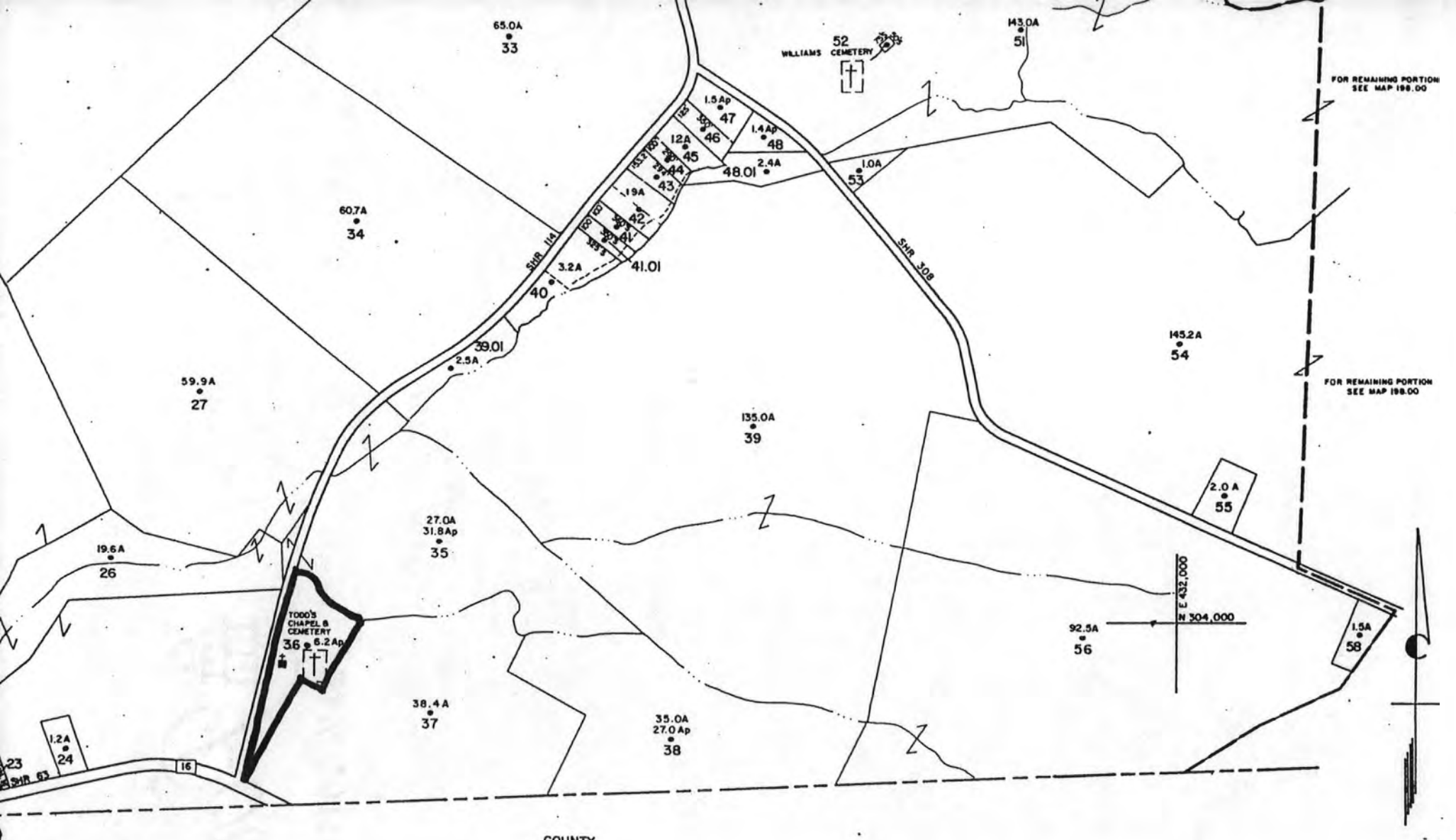
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TODD'S CHAPEL
VICINITY OF GREENWOOD, DE

MAIN LEVEL FLOOR PLAN

MISPILLION HUNDRED
SURVEYED APRIL 7, 1998
BY D.E. MELSON, M. RAYBURN
DRAWN BY D.E. MELSON



FOR REMAINING PORTION
SEE MAP 198.00

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SEE MAP 198.00

COUNTY

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②	PLANNIMETERED ACREAGE	20.3Ap	24-WOODBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
④	DEED DIMENSION	150'	
⑦	SCALED DIMENSION	150'	
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⑨	STATE NUMBERED HWY.	16	
⑩	STATE HWY. REFERENCE NO.	236	

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MISPILLION HUNDRED
MN
KENT COUNTY, DELAWARE

DELAWARE STATE COORDINATE GR.

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GRAPHIC SCALE
1" = 400'

Todd's Chapel
Greenwood, Kent County, Delaware

no deed reference.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Todd's Chapel

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: DELAWARE, Kent

DATE RECEIVED: 7/31/98 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/11/98
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/27/98 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/14/98
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 98001094

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

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REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT _____ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA accept

REVIEWER Patrick Andrews

DISCIPLINE Nistorian

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 9/14/98

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



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Kent County, Delaware
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View of west and south (front) elevations
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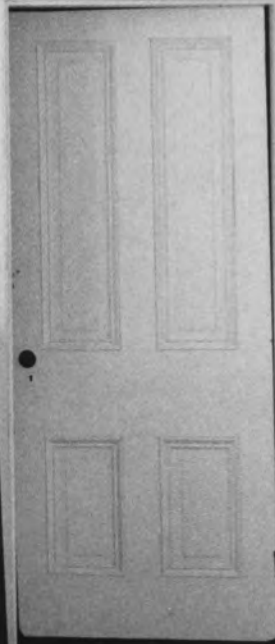
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View of cemetery and north
elevations of church looking
southwest
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View looking west in the narthex
Door on west wall leads to stair passage
and gallery

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View looking north from gallery
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area

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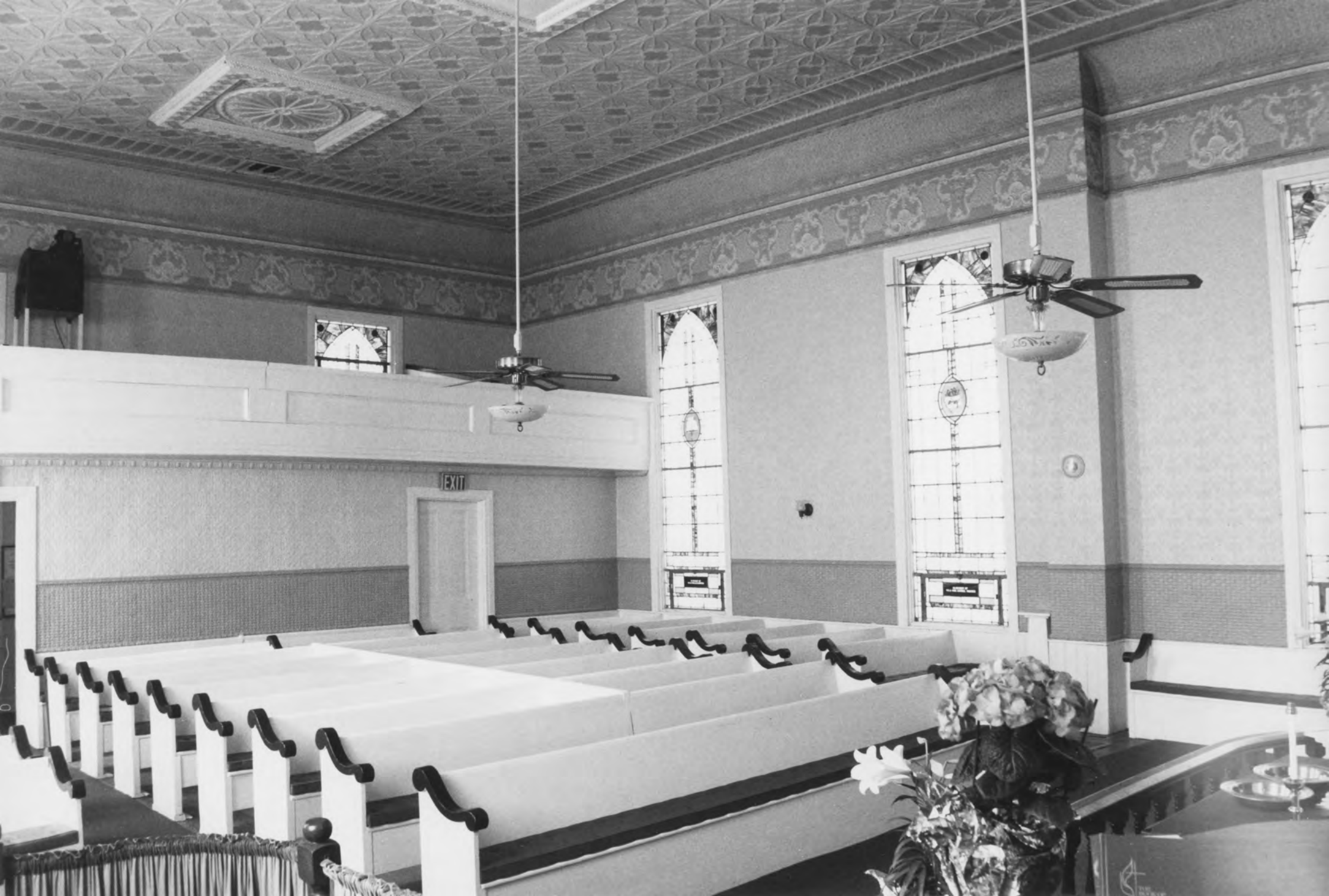


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Main Floor: view looking northwest
from seating area to chancel space

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Main Floor - View looking southwest
from chancel to seating area and
gallery above

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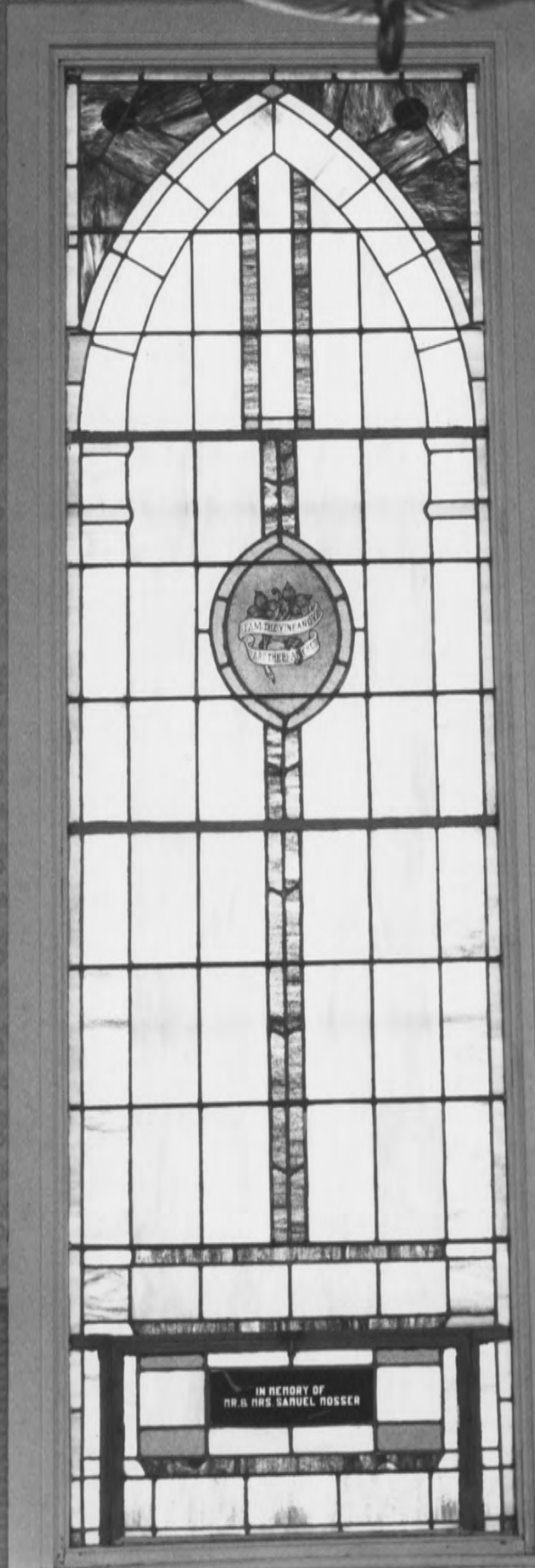
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Main floor: View looking south
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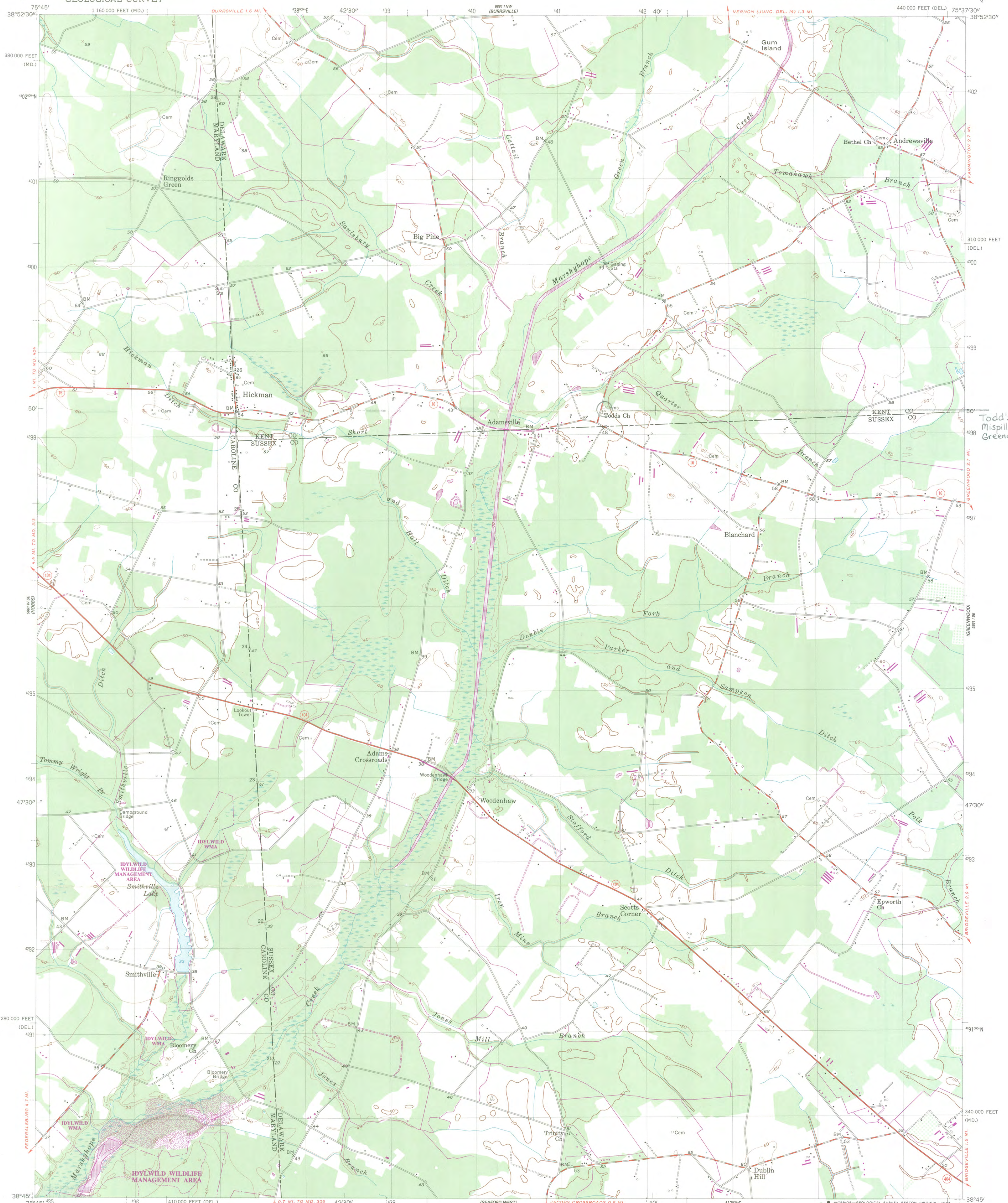
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View of stained glass window on
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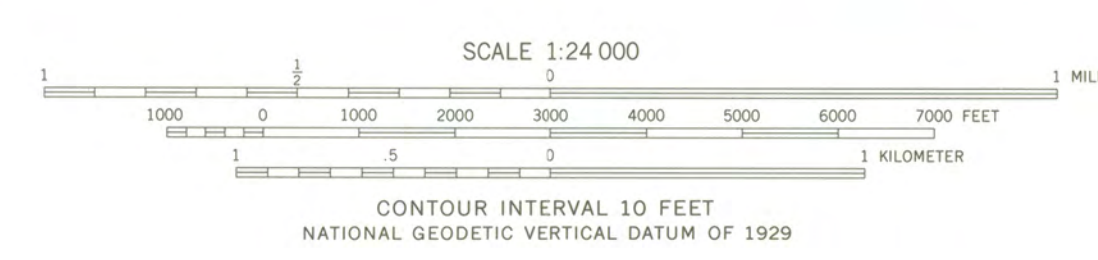
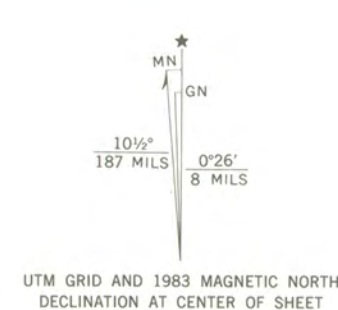
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Mispillion Hundred
Greenwood, DE vicinity

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PROPERTY NAME: Todd's Chapel

OTHER NAME/ K-134; Todd's Methodist Episcopal Church; Todd's United Method
SITE No.: 1st Church

MULTIPLE NAME: NOT APPLICABLE

ADDRESS/ Jct. of Todd's Chapel Rd., and Hickman Rd.
BOUNDARY:

CITY: Greenwood

COUNTY: Kent

STATE: DELAWARE

Restricted Location Information: Owner: PRIVATE Resource Type: BUILDING

Contributing Noncontributing

Buildings	1	0
Sites	2	0
Structures	0	0
Objects	0	0

Nomination/Determination Type: SINGLE RESOURCE

Nominator: STATE GOVERNMENT

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Other Certification: NOT APPLICABLE

Historic Functions: FUNERARY
RELIGION

Historic Subfunctions: CEMETERY
RELIGIOUS STRUCTURE

Current Functions: FUNERARY
RELIGION

Current Subfunctions: CEMETERY
RELIGIOUS STRUCTURE

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Significant Person's Name: NOT APPLICABLE

Criteria Considerations: RELIGIOUS PROPERTY
CEMETERY

Area of Significance: ARCHITECTURE
RELIGION

Periods of: 1850-1874 1875-1899 Circa: Specific Sig. Years:
Significance: 1900-1924 1925-1949
1858
1932

Architect/Builder/Engineer/
Designer:

Cultural Affiliation:

NOT APPLICABLE

NOT APPLICABLE

Other Documentation:

NOT APPLICABLE

HABS No. N/A

HAER No. N/A

Architectural Styles: NO STYLE LISTED

Describe Other Style: NOT APPLICABLE

Foundation Materials: CONCRETE
Wall Materials: SYNTHETICS
Roof Materials: ASPHALT
Other Materials: NONE LISTED

Acreage: 6.2

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THE CHURCHES OF DELAWARE

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*A history, in brief, of the nearly 900 churches
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TODD'S METHODIST CHAPEL, NR. ADAMSVILLE
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31, 1888. A Sunday School room was added in 1895. The first service in the addition, was held on Fri., Jan. 10, 1896. A reopening service was held on Sun., Jan. 12, 1896.

This church was of frame construction and was burned on May 27, 1914, when a conflagration swept over part of the town. The Delaware Railroad donated \$2300.00 to the trustees to be used in building a new church. This is the present cement-block church and it was dedicated on May 16, 1915. Extensive improvements were made in 1940.

The Mispillion Presbyterian Church was built between 1825 and 1830, on the farm of Wm. Powell one mile north of Farmington. In 1866, it was moved into Farmington and located across the street from the present Methodist Church. During the year 1868-69, the Rev. James M. Williams conducted a school here at the instance of some of the local women who wanted their children to receive advanced education. Incidentally, Mr. Williams afterwards became the first principal of the Wilmington Conference Academy at Dover.

Church services were held occasionally but the congregation gave up the struggle in 1872. The building was sold and moved away to be used as a blacksmith shop. In 1880, with some of the old members as a nucleus, a new congregation was formed and a new church was built on another site. They were incorporated on Oct. 19, 1880. The church site was donated on May 12, 1894, by Annie P. Reynolds. Services were held for a number of years but the membership became so small that the church was closed. In April, 1924, the building was sold to the Brethren Church.

The Brethren Church at Farmington. This congregation was organized at Greenwood in 1918. In September of that year they purchased the local theatre from Kate Houseman. Their meetings were held in this theatre and they were incorporated on Nov. 23, 1919.

On Apr. 30, 1924, they purchased the Presbyterian Church at Farmington, at a Sheriff's sale. The building was remodeled and dedicated that year. They were incorporated on Oct. 13, 1940. More land was secured on Nov. 15, 1940.

A Seventh Day Adventist Church was organized at Farmington in 1939. The meetings were held in private homes. They merged, in 1944, with Whitleysburg Church to form the new church at Harrington.

Bethel Methodist Church (M.P.) located at Andrewsville was built in 1838. In 1871, a new church was built to the rear of the first church. It was dedicated on Sun., Jan. 7, 1872. Those taking part were the Revs. L. W. Bates, D. J. Murry and T. D. Valiant. The church was entirely remodeled in 1904. The rededication service was held on Jan. 8, 1905. There is a small burial plot to the side of the church, the tombstones dating back to 1854.

Todd's Methodist Church (M.E.) is located less than one mile east of Adamsville close to the Kent-Sussex line. The chapel grew out of meetings held in the home of Levin Todd about 1800. The church was built, in 1808, upon land donated by Olive Jump. Additional land was purchased on Jan. 21, 1858. In 1858, the present church was built of a very distinctive design. It was dedicated on May 30, 1858, by the Revs. W. Kenney and Andrew Man-ship. There is a graveyard. The oldest tombstone that the writer could find is that of Nicholas O. Smith who died on Mar. 9, 1861.

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WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilmington (entry 200) from 1796 until 1798. He made his home in the latter city until 1797 when an epidemic of yellow fever caused him to move to Newport. See: article in Wilmington Journal Every Evening, Nov.12, 1936.

Minutes, 1796--, 1 vol.; in possession of Lelia A. Lyman, Newport Pike. Register, 1928--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Jesse C. McCoy. Financial, 1879, 2 vols., in possession of Francis T. Hall, Newport Pike. Sunday School, 1809--, 1 vol.; in possession of Marie Perdham. Records of incorporation and deeds; New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. E5, p. 74; vol. G50, p. 106; Private Acts Record; Vol. A1, p. 294.

222. WHATCOAT METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1975--, Commerce St., Camden.

Organized 1796. First church, a small wooden building on Canterbury to Dover road, was used from 1796 until 1857 when present church was dedicated. Present church is a two story red brick with date stone. Dover ministers served this organization until 1838. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes (including Financial), 1699--, 3 vols.; Register, 1889--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. William J. Ennis. Sunday School, 1925--, 5 vols.; in possession of superintendent, Walter Simpson. Ladies's Aid Society, 1928--, 3 vols.; in possession of secretary, Mrs. William Evens, Deed, 1856, Charter, 1796; in possession of Walter Porter. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. F2, p. 186. vol. L4, p. 39; vol. B5, pp. 3 and 24; vol. R5, p. 342; vol. T5, p. 216; vol. B7, p. 51; vol. L32, p.310; vol. K12, p. 43.

223. ST. THOMAS METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1800--, 2 ½ miles Se of Shortley.

Organized 1800 as a result of series of meetings held in the home of Thomas Phillips. First church, a one story frame structure, was erected in 1800 on land donated by Levin Napkins. In 1857 it was destroyed by a fire and replaced by the present building which was dedicated the same year. Renovated 1892 and 1906. A one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1930--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Olivet Conaway, R. F. D. Georgetown. Register, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John H. Whedbee, Bethel. Sunday School, 1930--, 1 vol.; kept in church. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AAA49, p. 423; vol. BJ83, p. 311.

224. TODD METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1801--, 2 miles NE of Adamsville.

Organized 1801. Services were held in the schoolhouse until a one story frame building was erected in 1803. This was used until present building was dedicated in 1852. It was remodeled in 1920 and in 1928. It is a one story frame building. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1896--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1820--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. P. A. Johnson, Greenwood. Register, 1886--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Robert W Hastings, Farmington. Sunday School, 1920--, 1 vol.; in possession of Miss A. Calloway, Greenwood.

225. UNION METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1801--, Market St., Bridgeville.

Organized and first church built in 1801. Incorporated September 5, 1853. Church was a frame structure about a block from site of present

HISTORICAL SKETCH

of

T O D D ' S C H A P E L

Organized 1800

First Chapel 1808

Present Chapel 1858



Greenwood, Delaware

Near Marshy Hope

Wm. H. Miller

Rev. ~~Michael Russell~~ - Pastor

Mrs. Marlyn Webb - Organist

A SHORT SKETCH OF THE HISTORY OF
TODD'S CHAPEL AND SURROUNDING DISTRICT

(This history of Todd's Chapel and territory was compiled from the records in Archives in Dover, Schraff's "History of Delaware", E. C. Hallman's book "The Garden of Methodist", Bishop Asbury's "Journal", and various other books and conversations.)

Methodists met in houses, barns, and under trees, and on river banks long before any churches were built. Other Methodist pioneers came to America bringing with them the Methodist religion, but it wasn't until Francis Asbury came in 1771, at the age of 26, that they really organized the Methodist Societies all through the rural countryside and kept them alive. He had been schooled under Wesley and the Episcopal law and was a natural organizer, and also interested in schools and children.

He is known to have been in this area as early as 1777, and met Judge Thomas White and called that his temporary home. Judge White was influential in Asbury's meeting with Todd's district.

Francis Asbury rode horseback preaching to groups of people wherever he found a group and organizing classes wherever he went and appointing new preachers. He called the Peninsula "his preacher garden."

The unrest of the Revolution caused him to limit his traveling for awhile to Delaware on conscientious principles. So on March 10, 1778, Asbury retired to the home of Judge White in Kent County, causing Judge White to be arrested and put in prison for five weeks for harboring a Methodist. This caused him to flee and stay with other friends.

In Asbury's Journal he states - November 24, 1778 - "Rode to the Widow Jump's and preached to about thirty souls on "Why sayest thou, O Jacob,

and speakest thou, O Israel", - There is a declension here; but I follow my own feelings."

These two meetings are believed to have been at Levin Todd's.

November 4th he states - "There was some melting among the people at T-s and a Prospect of a work of grace."

"On Thursday I went about twenty miles to preach at one T-d's in Sussex. There were about two hundred people who appeared to be kind, and willing to receive instruction, and I was enabled to fix their attention.

In 1779 Asbury continues at Judge White's. He called a conference in Kent County and assumed control of the societies. His appointment for the next year was Delaware, a distance of about sixty miles, a small appointment for that time. It contained about twenty appointments of which the principal ones were a Messrs. Shockleys, Richards, Reynear Williams, James Layton's, Widow Jumps, Roberts Layton, Mr. Ross's, White Brown's at Broad Creek and at Quantico; while Mr. White's was the centre.

White's Chapel was built 1780 on Judge White's farm.

The next building was Todd's Chapel. It was the largest next to the Harrington Church in the Mispillion Hundred at that time. The Mispillion Hundred, while not the birthplace of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Delaware, was the place of the meeting of the first Annual Conference of the M.E. Church in the United States which met at the house of Judge Thomas White. The second conference of the church was held here April 16, 1781.

Todd's Chapel received it's name from one of two brothers who came over from Scotland and settled, one on the Choptank and one thirty miles

apart. It was several years before they found each other. From these two brothers, who had always been Methodist followers, we have the Todd's of Dorset and Caroline Counties. Levin Todd entertained a Methodist meeting and gave name to Todd's Chapel on the Denton circuit now on the Greenwood charge.

In 1808 Olive Jump gave land to build a church and the first chapel was built. Then in 1858 additional land was purchased from the Jones' property and the present chapel was built of a very distinctive design at the cost of \$2,000. It's size is 32' by 40'.

It was dedicated on May 30, 1858, by the Rev. W. Kenney and Andrew Manship. There is a graveyard and oldest tombstone that could be found was that of Nicholas O. Smith, who died March 9, 1861.

The first chapel was moved to Marshy Hope.

In 1834 Sunday Schools were established in all appointments as it was Francis Asbury's belief that if "Ye raise up a little child in the way he should go he will not depart from it". Previous to this there was a school at Whites'.

Some of the Early Circuit Riders were:

Francis Asbury	William E. Saunders	
Cabel R. Pedicad	Thomas Hickey	1835
Freeborn Garrettson	Nicholas O. Smith	
Lewis Alfrey	Charles Williams	
Micajah Debruler	Joshua Atkinson	
John Cooper	Samuel Smith	1844
Jesse Lee	S. C. Pelmetry	
Joshua Humphrey 1833	J. Bell	1833-34

Christopher Crouch
 Joshua Mann
 John Cooper, Jr.
 Jacob Lewis
 Christopher Green
 Allen Loockerman
 A. Green
 J. Collison
 William D. Burham
 William Spry
 Levi Storcks
 Joseph Mann

William Hamon
 S. Layton
 R. Owens
 Joseph Gregg
 S. T. Garden
 William Walton
 Thomas E. Bell
 A. P. Solloway
 J. Conner
 R. B. Hazzard
 John E. Mowbray
 E. M. Kirby
 John Worthman

In 1859 Harrington-Salem-Asbury-Prospect-Todd's-Masten-Whites and Farmington were on one charge and had the following preachers:

W.M. Warner	1857-58	W.M. Warner	1865-66
J. Belle	1857	G.W. Burke	1865
S. Townsend	1859	J.S. Willis	1867-68
J.T. Van Burkalow	1861	J.M. Williams	1868
Joseph E. Smith	1860-61	George Conoway	1869
J.O. Sypherd	1862	A.D. Davis	1869-71
H. Sanderson	1862-63	J.A.B. Wilson	1870
M. Barnhill	1863	J.W. Poole	1871-72
James A. Massey	1864	J.L. Houston	1872-73
J.W. Weston	1864	J.H. Miller	1873
W.F. Talbot	1874-76	W.E. England	1879
A.W. Milby	1877-79	Julius Dodd	1880
W.F. Cockran	1877	F.C. McSorley	1883
W.S. Robinson	1878	W.W. Redman	1880
C.A. Grice	1879	George Hardesty	1881

In 1869 we changed from Easton District to Dover District.

Then in the Spring of 1883 the Farmington circuit was founded. It consisted of Todd's-Prospect-Staytonsville and Farmington.

J.W. Poole	1883-84	W.W. Seymour	1931
P.J. Corkran	1885-87	J.F. Langrall	1932-35
Geo. W. Wilcox	1888-89	J.G. Lynn	1936
Joseph Robinson	1889-91	R.W. Hastongs	1937-38
V.M. Greene	1892-93	Lee Warner	1939
P.J. Cockran	1894-96	G.S. Thomas	1940
L.G. Fosnocht	1897-1900	H.M. Davis	1941-42
D.G. Given	1901-03	Milton Elliott	1943
J.W. Talley	1904-05	R.L. Jones	1944
J.L. Sparklin	1906-07	Manean Warrington	1945
J.F. Anderson	1908-09	Alden Hopkins	1946-52
D.F. McFaull	1910-12	J.D. Shaffer	1952-53
Eden E. James	1913-14	John Irwin	1954-55
John M. Kelso	1915-16	Wm. Hankins	1955-56
R.S. Hodgson	1917	Richard Bailey	1956-58
J.W. Spry	1918-20	Wm. H. Smith	1958-61
H.T. Jones	1921	E.W. Crocket	1962
R.W. Campbell	1922	Charles Branford	1962
H.N. Bailey	1923-24	James O'Neil	1962-63
H.M. Smith	1925-26	Joseph Geiger	1963-64
James O'Neil	1927-28	J.E. Freisner	1964-67
R.W. Kirwan	1929-30	E.L. Tracey	1967-69

Changed to Greenwood Charge in the Spring of 1970. It consists of Greenwood-Epworth and Todd's Chapel.

Rev. Charles Walz	1970-74
Rev. James Doughten	1974-81
Rev. Paul H. Wragg	1981-83
Rev. Michaele Russell	1983-

In 1883 J. W. Poole entered this note in the church records after a member's name - "Dropped couldn't seem to stand". It denotes the rigidity of the early Methodist discipline.

On July 16, 1886, the parsonage was purchased from Mary A. Powell for \$700 for use of Methodist Parsonage only and to be governed by the local churches and the Annual Conference.

On November 3, 1886, Sunday School in Todd's and Whites' Chapels was discontinued for the Winter because of the weather.

On November 3, 1886, Circuit paid minister \$500.00.

Some of the early people in the area surrounding Todd's Chapel are (Squire) Charles Williamson, Charles Adams, Nicholas Smith, (Jarvis Fisher, Mary Fisher) were perhaps charter members. David Fisher, Tom Gray, Kinamon, Johnson, W. Salisbury, G. Hardesty, J. W. Atkinson and Wroten.

The earliest settler we could find record of was Roger Adams who was granted a tract of land called Backcross, January 1, 1696. He and his son acquired several more land grants up until 1753 when the Adams owned a large portion of North West Fork and gave name to Adams Cross roads on the west side of the Marshy Hope.

All the land patented down to 1776 was upon Maryland Patents. The Nutters, Layfields, Polks, also made their first settlements in this state at this point. Then large numbers of settlers came when the Mason and Dixon line was settled in 1776. The Marshy Hope was originally a part of Maryland until the dividing line was run between the states and threw a small portion of the stream into Delaware.

EARLY CROPS IN NORTH WEST FORK

Marshy Hope Creek was one of the two chief means of irrigation. It is shallow and not too good for mills.

The soil is stiff clay and sandy loam and taken as a whole is the largest and best body of farming land in the county. Large crops of wheat and corn are grown and small fruits used to grow in abundance and were shipped to Northern markets.

In the latter part of 1700's large quantities of tobacco were grown and everyone grew sugar cane if only a little in the garden.

As late as 1816 this was a large slave holding hundred. But at the time of the Emancipation amendment to the Constitution there were few slaves in the hundred and they were mostly engaged in domestic occupations.

These slaves attended Todd's church at that time entering through the little side door and sitting in the slave loft.

On April 10, 1884, Rev. J. W. Poole married several colored people at the parsonage. The fee averaging from \$1.00 to \$3.00.

In 1897 the railroad was a signal for renewed energy among the people and the county has developed rapidly since that time. The railroad went across North West Fork from Rehoboth through Denton. It gave transportation both for farm crops and pleasure excursions.

People still remember Blanchard's Station and Wright's tomato cannery nearby.

In 1894, the whole interior of the church and the windows were painted by a man named Beauchamp. The seats were white with dark trim and he painted beautiful pictures on the glass windows. Mr. Beauchamp was from Philadelphia and stayed with Mr. John Todd while completing the work.

DEED

The land was deeded in 1803 by Olive and Mary Jump to the following trustees: Levin Todd, John Gullett, Isaacs Jones, James Spence, Abel Spence, and William Todd.

The trustees of Todd's Chapel in 1983 are as follows: J. G. Warner, Jr., Howard Smith, George Smith, Anna McDowell, Dorothy Webb, Jean O'Bier, Ronald Webb, J. G. Warner, Sr., and Thomas Hashman.

Sunday School Teachers of Todd's Chapel in 1983 are as follows: Virginia Dorofee, Elaine Hashman, Nancy Smith, and Evelyn Cade.

Honorary Member of 60 years and over
Anna Elliott
Honorary Member of 50 years and over
Helen Volkmar

In 1916 the first "Ladies Aid Meeting" Took place in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zott. At that time they lived where Mr. and Mrs. Harry Webb live at the present.

In 1924, the Todd's parishioners bought their first piano from Rev. H. M. Bailey.

The first weddings we have record of as taking place in the chapel are Edward D. Meredith and Enola Nelson at 7:30 p.m., June 12 1898, by Rev. J. W. Poole. His remarks were large attendance, roads muddy and clouds heavy.

Ida R. Jones and George Hamon, July 15, 1884.

William M. Outten and Margaret V. Wroten at 8:15 p.m., in 1897. There was a large attendance.

Sarah Todd and William Outten were married by F. J. Corkran on June 29, 1887.

Virginia Downs and Ernest Corey were married by I. G. Fosnocht, on September 15, 1897.

William H. Fisher and Mary C. Downs were married by I. G. Fosnocht on December 19, 1897.

The first record of a baptism - Violetto E. M. Nelson (Adult) May 25, 1884, by J. W. Poole.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS

In 1916-1918 the old Bible was given by the efforts of Mrs. Clara Wroten.

1917 - Chapel painted outside.

1918 - The pump was driven by Todd's Ladies Aid.

1919 - Woodshed was erected, new chimney put up, and Alabastrine put on inside of Chapel.

1922 - Trees were planted on Chapel ground and concrete steps at Chapel were made.

1931 - Communion Set bought by Sunday School and Ladies Aid.

1932 - Metal Wall and Ceiling put on inside of Chapel.

1947 - Chapel was wired for electricity, by John Lloyd and Lowell Taylor and presented by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seely in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Seely and Mr. and Mrs. John S. Stuart.

1947 - New roof put on Chapel.

1949 - The whole interior of the Chapel was redecorated again. The reopening service was held March 20 with Rev. James Langrell preaching on "Believing In Things Unseen."

1954 - Outside of Chapel was painted and foundation repaired and painted.

1957 - A Hammond Electric Organ was installed and presented as a special project.

1957 - Shrubbery was planted along sides and front of Chapel donated by Mrs. Myrtle Warrington, Mr. William Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lloyd and Todd's Sunday School.

1958 - 100th Anniversary held on November 16, 1958, at 2:00 P.M.

Chapel door was painted red and front steps repaired and laid with bricks.

Stain Glass Memorial windows were installed.

Palms and Hymnal Racks presented by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Webb and family.

New Bulletin Board and Brass Altar Cross presented by Mr. and Mrs. William Bennett.

Communion Table Scarf presented by the choir members.

Collection Plates presented by Mrs. Emma Everline and Sunday School Class of Ernest Workers.

Electrified Cross presented by Mrs. Helen Lloyd's Class of Juniors.

Brass Altar Candlesticks presented by Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. McDowell and family.

Bible Marker presented by Mrs. Anna McDowell's Class of Beginners.

Guest Book presented by Mr. and Mrs. Gootie S. Brown.

Pen presented by Leaders Class.

1960 - Triumphant Service Song books were purchased for the Chapel.

1963 - Homecoming was held on October 27, 1963. Outside of Chapel was painted.

1964 - The property was surveyed.

1966 - Dedicated new Sunday School building on April 3, 1966.

1967 - A curtain was installed around the Choir loft. New carpet was installed in the Chapel.

1969 - The Farmington Parsonage was sold.

1971 - A T.V. was presented to the Ronald Andrews family as a special project.

1971 - A bus was purchased.

1973 - Pew cushions were installed in the Chapel.

1974 - Chapel was painted outside. American Service Hymnals were purchased. Gas heaters were installed in the Chapel.

1976 - Sunday School building was insulated.

1978 - Storm doors were installed on the Chapel

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BISHOP ASBURY

Bishop Asbury laid a firm foundation for Methodism in Todd's District in 1778 and preached his last sermon March 24, 1816, in Virginia. He was literally worn out with labor and wasting away from disease, but his great soul was strong and vigorous as ever. He had to be carried from the carriage to the pulpit and sat on a table while he preached.

He died the following Sabbath leaving the Church 700 ordained ministers and 200,000 members.

He had traveled 1,600 miles on horseback, 275,000 miles in all, had crossed and recrossed the Allegany 60 times, and preached 16,500 sermons.

We pay tribute to Bishop Asbury, all our pioneer preachers and Methodist followers who laid the foundation for this landmark - Todd's Chapel - and pray that it may continue in all it's glory for another century or so. And even though it is small in size we pray that it's significance will become greater still and reach out and enfold many more loving souls within the arms of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Additional CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS:

1987 - New roof and vinyl siding.

1994 - Central Air Conditioning & heating installed in the Chapel.

1996 - Plexiglass Installed over Stain glass windows.