

of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, before me Arnold Naudain one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas of said State, personally appeared Benjamin J. Elmer named in the within Instrument of writing and acknowledged the same to be his act and Deed and desired it might be recorded.

Witness my hand the day and year aforesaid

Arnold Naudain J.








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Recorded March 14<sup>th</sup> 1833.

Attest Matt<sup>r</sup> Jean 90<sup>r</sup> C<sup>d</sup>.

We the Trustees Elected and chosen on the twenty fifth day of June in the year of our Lord A. D. Eighteen hundred and thirty two 1832 by a Plurality of Voices of the Society or congregation of the (Methodist Episcopal Church) at Cantwells Bridge attached to the Mount Zion Meeting House in the County of Newcastle and State of Delaware the said Society or Congregation having been first noticed by advertisement set up ten days before the day above mentioned in public view at or near the place of Meeting mentioned in the said advertisement agreeably to the Act of Assembly Entitling An Act to enable all the Religious denominations in this State to appoint trustees who shall be (A body corporate) for the purpose of taking care of the temporalities of their respective congregations Do hereby certify, declare and make known that we have and do take upon our selves the name of the Cantwells Bridge Methodist Episcopal Church in the County and State aforesaid and Request that this our certificate may be recorded in the Office of Recorder of Deeds of the County and State aforesaid agreeably to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

In Testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this Fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three 1833.

- Samuel Floyd 
- Philip D. Riley 
- Benjamin Fields 
- Nath<sup>l</sup> Beauchamp 
- Joseph C. Griffith 
- Wesell Abrich 
- James V. Moore 

Received for Record March Fifteenth A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Recorded March 15<sup>th</sup> 1833.

Attest Matt<sup>r</sup> Jean 90<sup>r</sup> C<sup>d</sup>.

This Indenture made this fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three. Between Joseph Griffith and Ann his wife of the County of Newcastle and State of Delaware of the one part and Samuel Floyd, Philip D. Riley, Benjamin Fields, Nathaniel Beauchamp, Joseph Griffith, Wesell Abrich and James V. Moore, Trustees, in trust for the uses and purposes herein after mentioned all of the County and State aforesaid of the one part. Witnesseth that the said Joseph Griffith and Ann his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty Dollars lawful

# Methodist Churches of Delaware

A Brief Presentation  
Of  
Each Known Methodist Church  
In  
Delaware

With  
Accounts  
And  
Pictures  
of  
Most Churches

Created for the Edward H. Nabb Research Center  
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Salisbury University, Salisbury, Maryland,  
To complement the  
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And the  
“Inventory of the Church Archives of Delaware,”  
Which are on File

Reverend Charles E. Covington, Sr.

December 2016

by the Wilmington City Mission and Church Extension Society, on April 30, 1913. The building was remodeled for church purposes and it was dedicated on June 15, 1913. Among those taking part in the ceremony were District Superintendent E. L. Hoffecker and the Revs. Ettore Di Stefano, W. F. Cochran, E. C. Sunfield, George E. Reed and Frederick Wright. The services were conducted in Italian regardless of the fact that all of those who attended the services could speak English. The Missionary Society was compelled to carry the financial burden as the members would contribute little if anything. In spite of this, the members insisted that they wanted a regular church and not a home-made one.

On June 23, 1917, the Missionary Society purchased a site at the south west corner of 8th Street and Bancroft Parkway. Then they proceeded to build a brick church. The corner-stone was laid on April 7, 1919, by the Rev. Robert Watt. On the same day the dedication services were conducted by the Rev. J. H. Beauchamp assisted by the Rev. Joseph A. Pignaltello, the pastor. The Rev. N. A. Sabbarese preached a sermon in Italian. The name "St. Paul's Italian Methodist Episcopal Church" was adopted.

Becoming discouraged with the results obtained, the conference decided to close the church in 1922. It was then taken over by St. Peter's Methodist Episcopal Church, Colored, who laid a cornerstone in 1923. They purchased the property on May 9, 1928. On August 13, 1937, the property was acquired, at a Sheriff's sale, by the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

### St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church



1936 - Zebley Collection



1986 - Covington Collection

**Zebley** St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church (M. E.), Colored, at Kirkwood, was founded in 1858. They were incorporated on July 15, 1889.

**WPA-355** St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, Colored, 1858--, Kirkwood.

Organized and building dedicated 1858. Incorporated July 15, 1889. Building rebuilt 1875. It is a one story frame structure. The first settled clergyman was Rev. O. Dickerson, 1861-65.

### St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church

**Zebley** St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church (M.E.) on High Street, Odessa. In 1830, at a revival meeting, in Fieldsboro, several young men from Odessa were converted. They secured the use of the schoolhouse and the Rev. Richard Greenbank, of the Smyrna circuit, began to hold services in 1831. They adopted the name "Mt. Zion Meeting-House." They were incorporated on June 25, 1832 as the "Cantwell's Bridge Methodist Episcopal Church," Cantwell's Bridge being the name of Odessa at that time.

These meetings were continued for two years, when Joseph C. Griffith donated the land upon which to build a church. An old brick house near Fieldsboro was bought and a burned-out brick house near Odessa was donated and the congregation proceeded to tear them down and clean the bricks. With these bricks a fair-sized church was built in 1833 and the walls were whitewashed. It was called the "Brick-bat Church."

[About 1850, the congregation contracted Samuel Sloan, a noted Philadelphia architect, to design a new church.] The corner-stone of the present church was laid on August 27, 1851, at 10:30 A. M., by the Rev. Mr. Hodgson and the Rev. J. R. Anderson, the pastor. It was dedicated on October 24, 1852, by Bishop Levi Scott, assisted by the Revs. Andrew Manship and Joseph Aspril, the pastor. The church was repaired in 1877 and improved in 1880. The semi centennial of the church was celebrated on January 18, 1883. Services were conducted by the Revs. J. S. Cook, Benjamin F. Price, and Jonathan S. Willis. At a reopening, after repairs, on November 18, 1901, a sketch of the history of the church and the town was delivered by Chief Justice Charles B. Lore. This address was later printed in pamphlet form. Improvements to the church were made in 1939. There is a large graveyard beside the church. The oldest tombstone the writer could find is on the grave of Rachel Hays who died on September 21, 1838.



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2015 - Covington Collection

**WPA-247 St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, 1831--**, High Street, Odessa.

Organized 1831 and called Mt. Zion of Cantwell [Odessa previously known as Cantwell Bridge]. Incorporated March 14, 1833 taking the name of Cantwell's Bridge Methodist Episcopal Church. Present name adopted 1852. Services held in schoolhouse until 1833, then a one story brick building on present site. This was replaced by present building, dedicated 1852. Two story brick building, gothic style. Cemetery Association of St. Paul's, incorporated 1929. The first settled clergyman was Rev. Jonathan S. Willis, 1859-60.

[See: Odessa Methodist Episcopal Church, High Street, Odessa]

**Covington Old St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church** on High Street in Odessa, was placed on the National Register of Historical places in 1982. In 1974 a member purchased the building from the Methodist Conference for \$800 and sold it to the Women's Club of Odessa for one dollar. The Women's Club has been actively involved in the restoration of the structure to accommodate a local museum.

[The following is from a letter about St. Paul's]

From 1852 through 1957, St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church was located on High Street in Odessa. While the total membership remained basically the same throughout the century, 153 - 160, the building itself became outdated. It had no bathrooms, no kitchen, and only one electrical outlet, to name a few of the deficiencies. A cemetery surrounding the building allowed no room for expansion. Automobiles had replaced the horse and buggy and this created parking problems.

Rev. Edwin Thomas was pastor at St. Paul's from 1952 to 1959 and led the congregation in its effort to build another church. This new church was built about three blocks away on Main Street in Odessa, at the site of the former Drawyers Presbyterian Church. Membership at the new church grew to 333 in 2015.

**St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church**

**Zebley St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church (M.E.)** in Wilmington was organized on January 26, 1844, at the home of Hyland B. Pennington, south east corner 4th and Market Streets. The Rev. John

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**1. Name** <sup>^</sup>Old St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church

historic  
historic

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number ~~South side of High~~ <sup>Seuthr aide-crif</sup> **High Street** NA not for publication

city, town **Odessa** — vicinity of congressional district **One**

state **Delaware** 19730 code **10** county **New Castle** code **003**

**3. Classification**

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— structure	— both	— work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
— site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	— entertainment
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		— no	— military
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			— park
			— private residence
			— religious
			— scientific
			— transportation
			— other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name **Women's Club of Odessa**

street & number **Main Street**

city, town **Odessa** — vicinity of state **Delaware**

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. **Public Building**

street & number **Rodney Square**

city, town **Wilmington** state **Delaware**

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title <sup>N-1617</sup> **Delaware Cultural Resource Survey** has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records **pid State House, The Green, P.O. Box 1401**

city, town **Dover** state **Delaware** 19901

# 7: Description

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## Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church is situated on the south side of High Street in Odessa, Delaware. It is the only known ecclesiastical building in Delaware documented to have been designed by the Philadelphia architect, Samuel Sloan.

Though the architect is primarily associated with his Natchez, Mississippi domestic dwellings, this is the only known, non-domestic structure in Delaware that is representative of the architect's interest in the Greek Revival style.

According to official church records, this religious, two-story, 45' x 65', brick edifice was begun on August 1, 1851 and was dedicated fourteen months later on October 23, 1852. The same church records indicate that Henry E. and David C. Rose, local builders and contractors, completed the structure in accordance with Sloan's plans and specifications. Materials, labor and construction costs were apparently included in the \$3,590 contract.

Samuel Sloan is considered by some architectural historians to be a chief protagonist of the new eclectic classic or Greek Revival style which was popular in America between 1820 and 1860.

This building is characteristic of the Greek Revival period with its smooth, pressed brick facade; its simple, 3 x 4 bay rectangular form with aspe; its low pitched gable roof with full pedimented returns and its trabeated doors and windows.

The elongated windows located on the north, east and west facades are typical of the period. The leaded facade casements may be the original church lights, since they typify the style of windows associated with similar religious structures built within the same time frame. According to tradition, stained glass windows were installed in Methodist churches late in the nineteenth century. Though the original stained glass windows were partially destroyed, the present owners have had the windows carefully reconstructed from fragments salvaged during the recent stabilization of the building.

Like other large, brick Methodist churches throughout the state, this building was designed as a two story structure with a large auditorium and gallery on the second floor level and classrooms below. Official church records for St. Paul's, however, note that a large, religious library was also developed on the first floor level in the 1880's.

Church records also indicate that the spacious interior was extensively improved between 1857 and 1859 which gave it "...the combined beauty and simplicity which made it so attractive." A late nineteenth century photograph of the auditorium illustrates a lavishly decorated interior with stenciled walls and ceilings; wainscoting; carpeted floors; stained glass windows and a large "fracker" type pipe organ in the aspe flanked by fluted columns. Church records dated

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February 18, 1888 note that the church was valued at \$7,000, that the building was insured for \$4,000 and that the organ was insured for \$900.

St. Pauls Methodist Episcopal Church not only represents a documented monument to its architect and the Apocynimuk Creek community, but serves as a reminder that the architectural styles which prevailed in Odessa throughout its history, continued to be influenced by the Philadelphia style.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below		
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Specific dates 1851-2

Builder/Architect

Samuel Slezak

## Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Historically, Odessa was dominated by three principal religious groups; the Quakers, Presbyterians, and Methodists. Though both the Quakers and Presbyterians had become established religious factions within the community in the eighteenth century, Methodism did not emerge there until the 1830's. St. Paul's Church, therefore, represents the earliest, tangible structural evidence reflecting the development of Methodism within the community.

The town of Odessa is located approximately fifty miles south of Philadelphia, which served as a major style center in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and continuously affected the building trends of the town. The village developed in a portion of a tract of land along the banks of the Appoquinimink Creek which was granted to Edmund Cantwell in 1676. Throughout the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, Odessa was known as Cantwell's Bridge. It quickly emerged as a place of considerable economic importance because of its strategic location and eventually became a principal grain market. In 1853, the community's name was changed from Cantwell's bridge to Odessa, after Odessa, Russia, a large grain port on the Black Sea.

Written histories note that the first Methodist services were held in Odessa in 1831 with seven members; Wessel Aldrichs, Rebecca Pogue, Benjamin Fields, Nelson Naudain, Thomas Scott, and James Moore, many of whom were prominent local citizens.

Though the members were part of the Smyrna Circuit, they were anxious to hold services within the community. Local services were, therefore, held in an old schoolhouse for approximately two years until the structure was sold in order to erect a new educational facility.

New Castle County Deeds record that Joseph Griffith and his wife Ann conveyed the present church lot to the church trustees for \$30 with the understanding that a place of worship would be erected in the premises. This transaction occurred in January 13, 1833. Shortly thereafter, a committee was appointed to procure materials for the construction of a new church. This committee apparently purchased an old brick house for \$100 and was donated a second brick house that had been burned out. The bricks from these two dwelling houses were re-used and a 30 x 40 brick, white-washed structure was erected. This church was apparently utilized by the Methodists for twenty years until a larger, more accommodating structure was needed.

One hundred and ten church officers and subscribers, many of whom were leading



# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Documents and records found in corner stone of Old St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, Odessa, Delaware.

Records loaned by the new St. Paul's Church, Odessa, Delaware

# 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Quadrangle name Middletown

UMT References - see continuation sheet

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property includes only the Building itself.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mrs. Raymond B. Wallace, Chairman, Church Restoration

organization Women's Club of Odessa date April, 1980

street & number Odessa Heights telephone (302) 378-2789

city or town Odessa state Delaware

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer signature Daniel R. Griffith

title Chief, Bureau of Archaeology & Historic Preservation date 12/8/80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Allison Byers  
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the National Register  
date 5/13/82

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Registration

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citizens of the community like the Vandegrifts, Enos, Janviers, Naudains, and Corbitts contributed to the erection of Sloan's church. When the church was begun, there were approximately one hundred and fifty three members, most of whom were among the one subscribers who had contributed a total of \$2,650 towards the construction of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

Services were held in St. Paul's Church for over 100 years until a newer, more convenient, brick structure was erected on Main Street in 1933. Since that time, St. Paul's Church has been abandoned and has continued to decay. In 1974, the Women's Club of Odessa obtained ownership of the property and since that time has been actively involved with the stabilization and restoration of the structure. The building is being rehabilitated to accommodate a local museum and cultural center. Plans indicated that it will display artifacts and documents which relate directly to the building of the church and relate to the historical development of the community.

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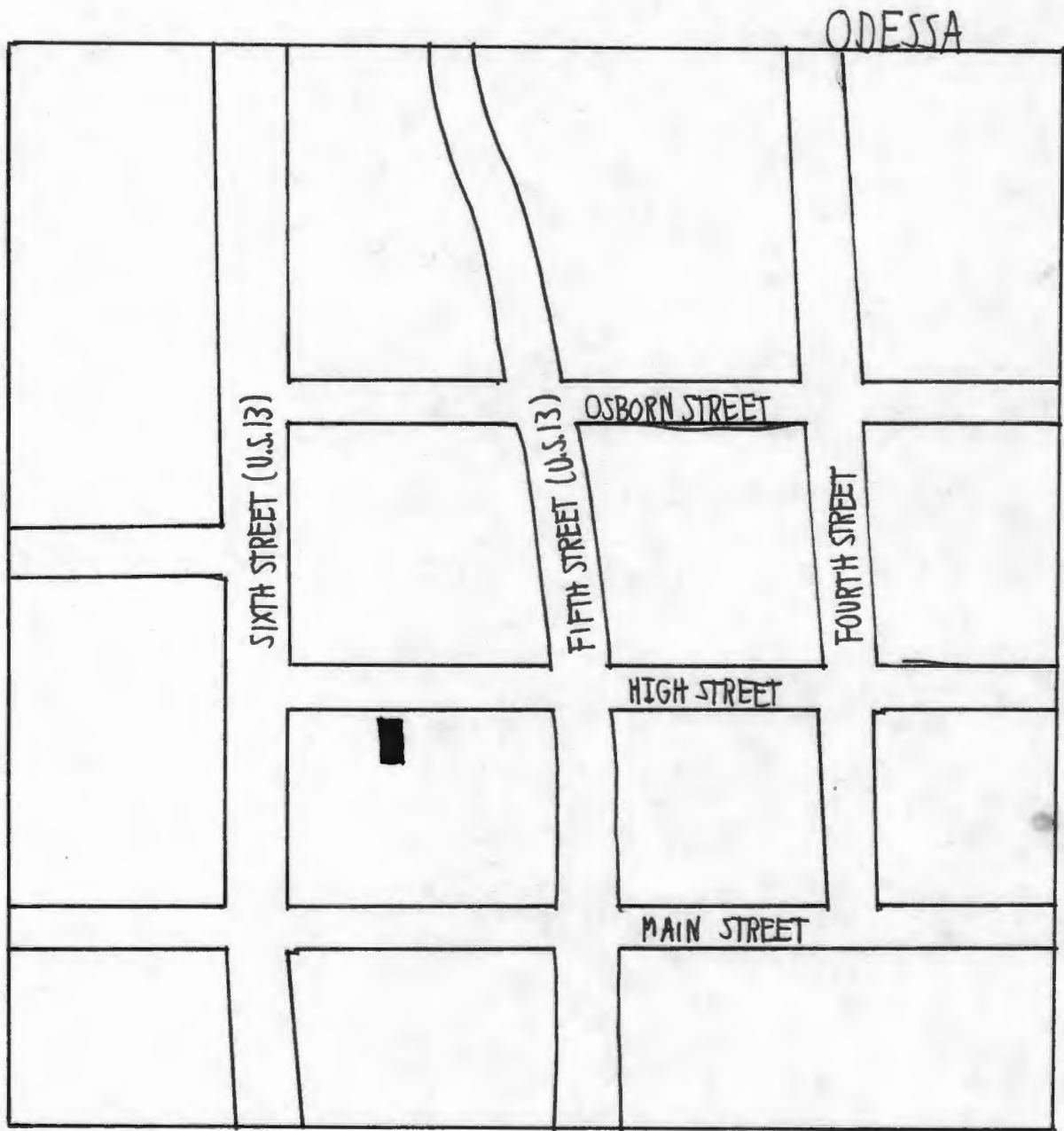
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St Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church

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Property: Old St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church  
State: DE, County: New Castle  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Working No. 3/3/82-627  
Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Due: 4-1-82 / 4-17-82  
Action: ACCEPT  
RETURN 3/31/82  
REJECT

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

photos 6  
maps 1

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NRR decision

Reviewer's comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Classification**

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4. Owner of Property \_\_\_\_\_

5. Location of Legal Description \_\_\_\_\_

6. Representation in Existing Surveys \_\_\_\_\_

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

**7. Description**

Condition	Check one	Check one
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**X 8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance \_\_\_\_\_ Check and justify below  
*C/mvk w/4 hmt/4 hmmm*

*Please fill in*

**X** Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ summary paragraph
- \_\_\_\_\_ completeness
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- \_\_\_\_\_ context
- \_\_\_\_\_ relationship of integrity to significance
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of exception
- \_\_\_\_\_ other

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**X 10. Geographical Data**

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Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
*Oumbh/ rmm*  
USFT References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification

**X** *VBD - please clarify*

**11. Form Prepared By**

**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:  
The significance of this property within the state is:  
\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_  
*non-Office signature*  
Site \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Other**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed *Shelby Byers*

Date *3/31/82*

Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

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1. Name Old St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church

historic

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2. Location

street & number ~~Seventh side of~~ High Street not for publication

city, town Odessa vicinity of congressional district One

state Delaware 19730 code 40 county New Castle code 002

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
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4. Owner of Property

name Women's Club of Odessa

street & number Main Street

city, town Odessa vicinity of state Delaware

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Public Building

street & number Rodney Square

city, town Wilmington state Delaware

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N-1617 Delaware Cultural Resources Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes  no

date federal  state county local

depository for survey records Old State House, The Green, P.O. Box 114m

city, town Dover state Delaware 19901

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## Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church is situated on the south side of High Street in Odessa, Delaware. It is the only known ecclesiastical building in Delaware documented to have been designed by the Philadelphia architect, Samuel Sloan.

Though the architect is primarily associated with his Natchez, Mississippi domestic dwellings, this is the only known, non-domestic structure in Delaware that is representative of the architect's interest in the Greek Revival style.

According to official church records, this religious, two-story, 45' x 65', brick edifice was begun on August 1, 1851 and was dedicated fourteen months later on October 23, 1852. The same church records indicate that Henry E. and David C. Rose, local builders and contractors, completed the structure in accordance with Sloan's plans and specifications. Materials, labor and construction costs were apparently included in the \$3,590 contract.

Samuel Sloan is considered by some architectural historians to be a chief protagonist of the new eclectic classic or Greek Revival style which was popular in America between 1820 and 1860.

This building is characteristic of the Greek Revival period with its smooth, pressed brick facade; its simple, 3 x 4 bay rectangular form with aspe; its low pitched gable roof with full pedimented returns and its trabeated doors and windows.

The elongated windows located on the north, east and west facades are typical of the period. The leaded facade casements may be the original church lights, since they typify the style of windows associated with similar religious structures built within the same time frame. According to tradition, stained glass windows were installed in Methodist churches late in the nineteenth century. Though the original stained glass windows were partially destroyed, the present owners have had the windows carefully reconstructed from fragments salvaged during the recent stabilization of the building.

Like other large, brick Methodist churches throughout the state, this building was designed as a two story structure with a large auditorium and gallery on the second floor level and classrooms below. Official church records for St. Paul's, however, note that a large, religious library was also developed on the first floor level in the 1880's.

Church records also indicate that the spacious interior was extensively improved between 1857 and 1859 which gave it "...the combined beauty and simplicity which made it so attractive." A late nineteenth century photograph of the auditorium illustrates a lavishly decorated interior with stenciled walls and ceilings; wainscoting; carpeted floors; stained glass windows and a large "Tracher" type pipe organ in the aspe flanked by fluted columns. Church records dated



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February 18, 1888 note that the church was valued at \$7,000, that the building was insured for \$4,000 and that the organ was insured for \$900.

St. Pauls Methodist Episcopal Church not only represents a documented monument to its architect and the Apoguinink Creek community, but serves as a reminder that the architectural styles which prevailed in Odessa throughout its history, continued to be influenced by the Philadelphia style.

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# E. Significance

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— 1400-1499	— archeology-historic	— conservation	— law	— science
— 1500-1599	— agriculture	— economics	— literature	— sculpture
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— 1700-1799	— art	— engineering	— music	— theater
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— 1900-	— communications	— industry	— politics/government	— other (specify)
		— invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

## Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Historically, Odessa was dominated by three principal religious groups: the Quakers, Presbyterians, and Methodists. Though both the Quakers and Presbyterians had become established religious factions within the community in the eighteenth century, Methodism did not emerge there until the 1830's. St. Paul's Church, therefore, represents the earliest, tangible structural evidence reflecting the development of Methodism within the community.

The town of Odessa is located approximately fifty miles south of Philadelphia, which served as a major style center in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and continuously affected the building trends of the town. The village developed in a portion of a tract of land along the banks of the Appoquinimink Creek which was granted to Edmund Cartwell in 1676. Throughout the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, Odessa was known as Cartwell's Bridge. It quickly emerged as a place of considerable economic importance because of its strategic location and eventually became a principal grain market. In 1853, the community's name was changed from Cartwell's Bridge to Odessa, after Odessa, Russia, a large grain port on the Black Sea.

Written histories note that the first Methodist services were held in Odessa in 1831 with seven members: Wessel Anderson, Rebecca Pogue, Benjamin Fields, Nelson Naudain, Thomas Scott, and James Moore, many of whom were prominent local citizens.

Though the members were part of the Smyrna Circuit, they were anxious to hold services within the community. Local services were, therefore, held in an old schoolhouse for approximately two years until the structure was sold in order to erect a new educational facility.

New Castle County Deeds record that Joseph Griffith and his wife Ann conveyed the present church lot to the church trustees for \$30 with the understanding that a place of worship would be erected in the premises. This transaction occurred in January 15, 1833. Shortly thereafter, a committee was appointed to procure materials for the construction of a new church. This committee apparently purchased an old brick house for \$100 and was donated a second brick house that had been burned out. The bricks from these two dwelling houses were re-used and a 30' x 40' brick, white-washed structure was erected. This church was apparently utilized by the Methodists for twenty years until a larger, more accommodating structure was needed.

One hundred and ten church officers and subscribers, many of whom were leading



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citizens of the community like the Vandegrifts, Enos, Janviers, Naudains, and Corbits contributed to the erection of Sloan's church. When the church was begun, there were approximately one hundred and fifty three members, most of whom were among the one subscribers who had contributed a total of \$2,650 towards the construction of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

Services were held in St. Paul's Church for over 100 years until a newer, more convenient, brick structure was erected on Main Street in 1955. Since that time, St. Paul's Church has been abandoned and has continued to decay. In 1974, the Women's Club of Odessa obtained ownership of the property and since that time has been actively involved with the stabilization and restoration of the structure. The building is being rehabilitated to accommodate a local museum and cultural center. Plans indicated that it will display artifacts and documents which relate directly to the building of the church and relate to the historical development of the community.

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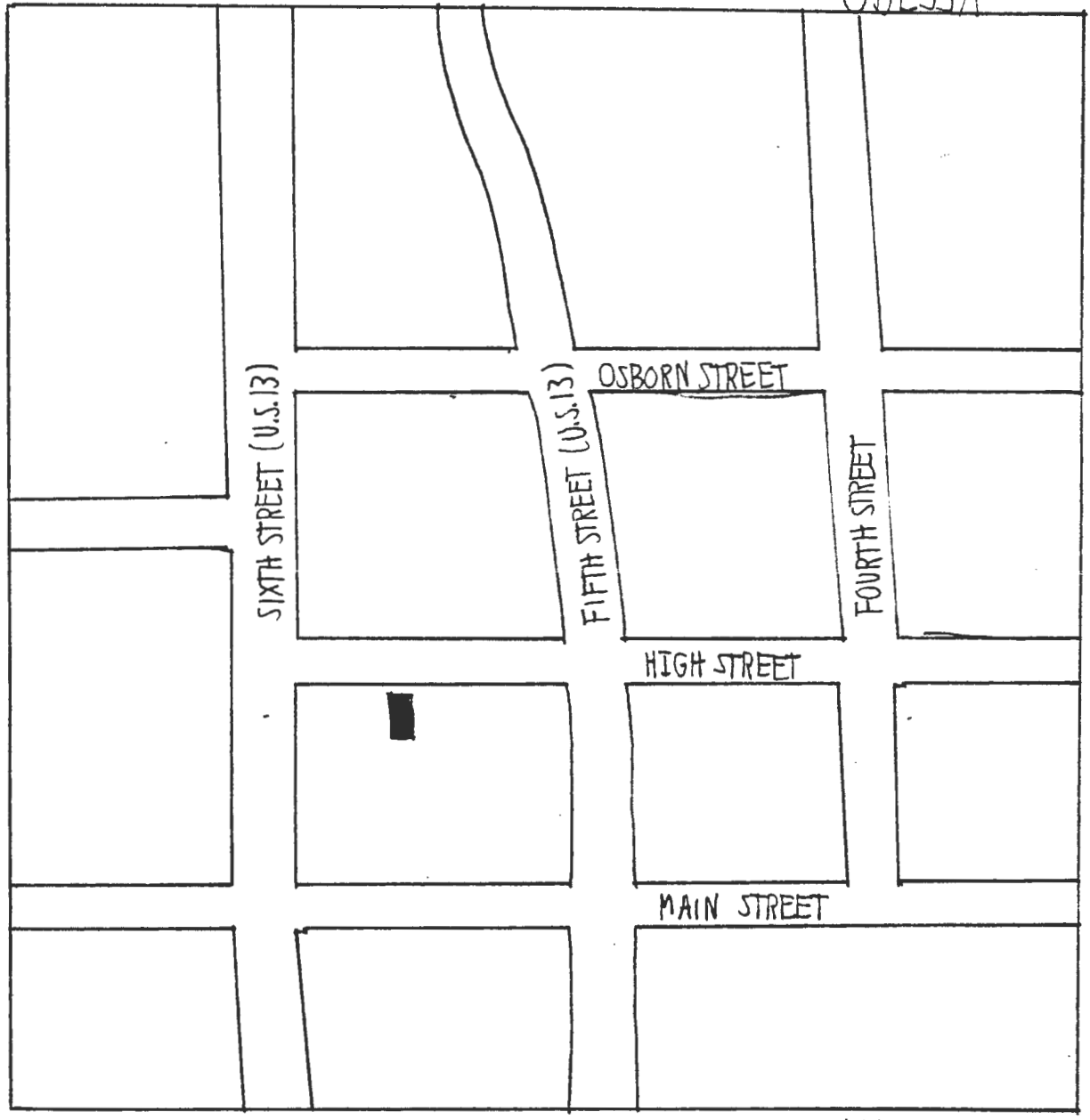
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The nominated property includes only the building on its foundations, cited in the item 7 description as measuring 45 x 65 feet. Only the building itself is maintained under the present, secular ownership. The structure is bounded on its immediate north by the public street and on the other three sides by a cemetery, still owned and maintained by a religious institution, St. Paul's M.E. Church.

Property: Old St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church Working No. 3-3-82/627  
State, County: DE, New Castle Fed. Reg. Det: 2.7.8  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Due: 6/11/82  
Action: ACCEPT 5/13/82

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 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name
2. Location
3. Classification  
Category Ownership Status Present Use  
Public Acquisition Accessible
4. Owner of Property
5. Location of Legal Description
6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition:  excellent  good  fair  poor

Check one:  deteriorated  ruins  unimproved  impossible

Check one:  unaltered  altered

Check one:  original site  other site  moved

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
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**8. Significance**  
**E. Circumstances**

Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Area of Significance: \_\_\_\_\_ Check and justify below

Special Uses: \_\_\_\_\_ Building Architect: \_\_\_\_\_

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- \_\_\_\_\_ relationship of integrity to significance
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of exception
- \_\_\_\_\_ other
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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographical Data**

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**11. Form Prepared By**

**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:  
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- 13. Other**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
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Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Name: St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church

Location: Odessa, Delaware

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Photographer: Jon Andress

Date: 10/80

Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural  
Affairs, B/A&HP, Old State House, The Green, Dover, Del.  
Subject: Front facade; main entrance

Photograph Number: 1 of 6

Old St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, Odessa, Del.  
"Front of Church facing High Street"



Name: St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church

Location: Odessa, Delaware

Photographer: Jon Andress

Date: 10/80

Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural  
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Description: front facade; detail of front door

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Location: Odessa, Delaware

Photographer: Jon Andress

Date: 10/80

Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural  
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Description: west wall; stained glass windows

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**Description:** rear wall and west wall

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Location: Odessa, Delaware

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Date: 10/80

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Description: rear wall

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The Lord Is In his holy Temple



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*Old St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, Odessa, Del.*

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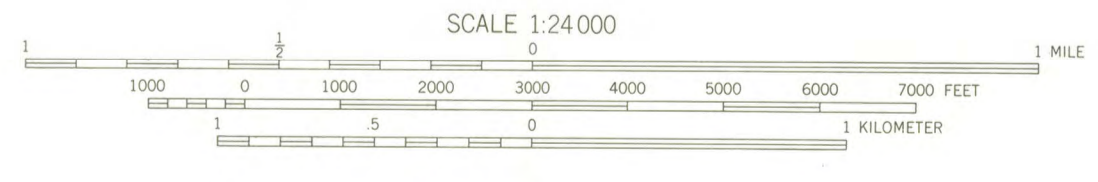


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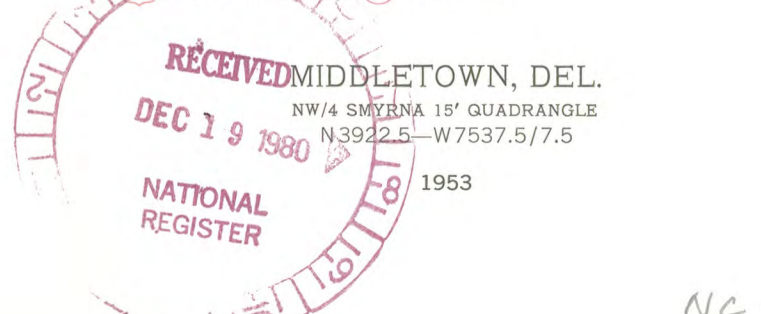


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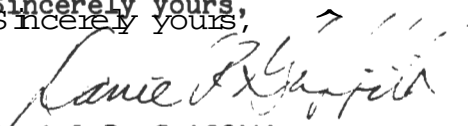
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The Hanson house nomination is an initial submission; the other four were previously submitted to you and were returned for renotification and/or work. Requested clarifications have been made, and all owners have been renotified in accordance with the new National Register regulations. No owner objections have been received from any of the above listed nominations.

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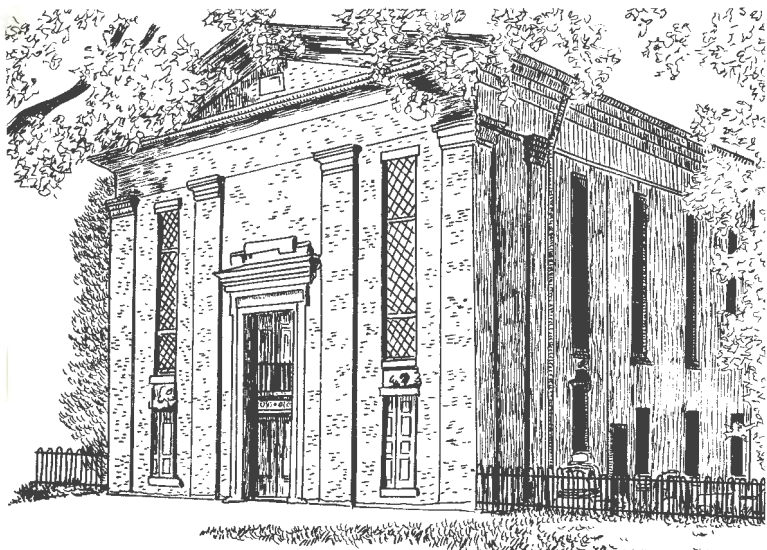
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## OLD ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

### Odessa, Delaware

The cornerstone of Old St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church was laid in August 1851. The building replaced a smaller brick church on the same site which had been built soon after 1832, the year the Methodist Church of Cantwell's Bridge (Odessa) was founded.

The contractor and builder of Old St. Paul's was Henry L. Rose, and the contract was taken at \$3,950.00. The architect was Samuel G. Sloan of Philadelphia.

Samuel Sloan (1815-1884) wrote books on architecture and was well known in Philadelphia and the South where he designed many houses, hospitals and churches. The Bank of Delaware on Odessa's Main St. and almost certainly the Gantt W. Miller house on High Street are other local examples of his work.

Though celebrated for its 18th century houses, Odessa boasts distinguished structures of the Federal and Victorian eras. Among the latter groups, Old St. Paul's is the outstanding example. Its reposeful solidity attests to the success of Methodism in Delaware, a religious movement which established itself in the state during the American Revolution. In temple form, the building represents the very end of the Federal, or American Classical style. In addition, the proportions of the lofty central doorway have a weight and dignity typical of the "Egyptian Style", a cross current of American taste at this time. After worshipping for over a hundred years in Old St. Paul's, the Methodists moved into a new brick church on Main St., Odessa, in 1955.

The Women's Club of Odessa now owns the old church and has undertaken as a Bicentennial Project its repair and stabilization. Progress to date includes reroofing the church and the restoration of the stained glass windows. Augmenting the work of the Women's Club are grants from the State of Delaware and other government agencies.

It is planned to make the building a cultural center, though efforts at the present time are centered on saving from decay this distinguished monument, a candidate for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Contributions to this continuing project may be sent to Mrs. Raymond B. Wallace, Chairman, Church Restoration Project, Women's Club of Odessa, Odessa, Delaware 19730.

definitions applied to this building for it could not have been an attractive sight. Regardless of its appearance, a few, faith-filled Methodists were able to provide a house of worship and, according to Hite, the building was used for twenty years.<sup>69</sup>

Methodism was clearly catching on. By 1849 attendance had grown to one hundred fifty-three members at the Brickbat Church. Its walls were bursting and the church was ready to expand. Through hard work and determination, those few folks had brought Methodism to Odessa. Now their success served to instill the congregation with confidence to construct a still-larger house of worship.

### ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON HIGH STREET

That Old Bat Church was demolished in 1851 to make room for the new St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church on High Street, but part of it still survives! There are two kinds of brick-laying on the building's two-story exterior: a smooth façade, and a version of brickbat on the other three sides. According to a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bulletin, bricks from the Brickbat Church were used in the foundation of this new church.<sup>70</sup>

Samuel G. Sloan, of Philadelphia, was the architect who chose the Greek Revival style for this building, according to Madeline Hite. Construction began on August 1, 1851, and the building was dedicated fourteen months later. Local builders Henry and Davis Rose completed the structure. The total contract price was \$3,950. Stained glass windows, popular in this time period, were installed.<sup>71</sup>

The upper level had a large worship area; the first floor had one large classroom and two smaller rooms. A library containing five hundred books was added to one of these smaller rooms. This new building took on the name of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church (hereafter called "St. Paul's").

Money to build the church did not appear to be a problem. In a paper written in 1980 by Deborah Smith and located in the library of the Historic Odessa Foundation, she stated:

*The erection of St. Paul's church, an important addition to the town, seems to have excited civic pride. Contributing to it, and to the minister's salary in 1853, seems to have been considered a civic duty by many who were not themselves Methodists. Of 78 white families in Odessa in 1850, over half (44) contributed to it or to the pastor's salary in 1853.*



St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church on High Street, 2015

*(This included all but one of the towns' seven wealthiest men (based on real estate values given on census). The exception was the local "infidel"). But only one third (26) of the white families actually sent members to the Sabbath School classes (none of the 7 wealthiest men attended).<sup>72</sup>*

Wouldn't it be interesting to know who that "infidel" was of whom she spoke? However, we do know there were two very loyal and influential gentlemen with close ties to St. Paul's: Methodist Bishop Levi Scott

(1802–1882) and Delaware Chief Justice and former Congressman Charles B. Lore (1831–1911).

Chief Justice Lore was born in Odessa and attended public schools in Middletown. He was twenty-two when the church was built and most likely attended St. Paul's for he was Methodist and was ultimately buried in St. Paul's cemetery. He became a lawyer and was admitted to the Delaware Bar in 1861. Although during his adult years he lived in Wilmington, he always maintained a love for Odessa. He was elected Attorney General for Delaware in 1869, then served as U. S. Representative in Washington from 1883 – 1887, and was later appointed as Delaware's Chief Justice in 1893.<sup>73</sup>

In his aforementioned 1901 "History of Odessa" talk given at the re-opening of St. Paul's after some renovations, Lore emphasized the importance to the community of Bishop Levi Scott, a preacher born in 1802 in a log house on the banks of the Appoquinimink Creek near Cantwell's Bridge. Levi's father, a local preacher, died that same year, leaving his mother to raise three small children. She took the children to church each Sunday and taught them to pray and read the Bible daily. In 1826, Levi became an itinerant preacher. Levi must have had considerable influence over his brother, Thomas, as Thomas is listed as one of those who took part in the decision to build the Brickbat Church. Levi eventually was elected Bishop at the Methodist General Conference in Boston in 1852.<sup>74</sup>

In that same year, Bishop Scott preached at the dedication of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church in his hometown to the proud delight of those present. Levi spent the final twenty years of his life at his birthplace along the Appoquinimink Creek, which he had named "Itinerants' Lodge." Quoting from Lore's speech, "I regard Levi Scott as one of the greatest men this peninsula has produced, measuring him by all the rules of elemental manhood."<sup>75</sup> Surely having such a prominent, successful Methodist living nearby lent influence to the success of this church.

At a meeting in 1860, a decision was made to "build a parsonage, the whole cost of building, including ground, pump and all necessary surroundings not to exceed twenty five hundred dollars, providing the ground does not exceed three hundred dollars."<sup>76</sup> The committee agreed to begin building when they had \$1,800, and not before. However, once the pledges totaled \$1,342, they struck the former resolution and began to build. The pastor received a salary of \$600 per year at this time. The parsonage was located adjacent to the church.<sup>77</sup> This parsonage is still standing today but is privately owned.

Old records show that Sabbath school, which was held four nights a week, recorded a Monday night attendance increase from twenty-nine in



St. Paul's Parsonage from 1860s to 1959, 2015

1853 to forty-five in 1856. In 1857 the Tuesday night class also had forty-five members. Smith writes that "Attendance at Sabbath School again should not be attributed to religious fervor alone. Young people may have attended primarily to meet members of the opposite sex at an acceptable setting, or perhaps only because of parental insistence." Additionally, Smith states, "personal preference for a particular minister, and social conventions were most likely as important factors as ideology in the selection and attendance of church."<sup>78</sup> Smith may have been correct as to their reasons for attending, but she missed the important part: the people came, were shown the love of God and Jesus Christ, and many continued to attend for the church continued to grow.

By 1880 attendance did fall but was defended in a most humorous way in the church records, as follows:

*Mosquitoes and hot weather are intended to subserve good purposes of Divine Providence—and we may really misjudge the results of contact with either—it is unfair to decide that a man is a wicked sinner because he strikes viciously at a mosquito which is biting him—as it is to conclude that a church or Sunday School is dead because it is inclined to quietness when the thermometer is reaching both hands for the 100° mark—it cannot be denied that we have been rather quiet during the last quarter. Congregation not so full—Sunday School not so well attended—Classes reduced to almost nothing.”<sup>79</sup>*

Indeed, it must have been the heat and those darn skeeters for by June 1882 the Sunday School membership was two hundred twenty-five with average attendance of one hundred twenty-five. By February 1883, the Treasurer reported that for the first time in thirty years, the parsonage and church were debt free. That same year the iron fence and brick sidewalks were added as well as a new heater for the parsonage.<sup>80</sup>



Interior St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church on High Street, 1980  
Image: National Park Service

After 35 years of respectful but constant use, St. Paul's was in need of repairs. These repairs were made over the next fifteen years. In 1885, a Tracker Organ "with ten ranks of pipe and a walnut case" was added at a cost of \$900.<sup>81</sup> That same year, the envelope system was instituted for financial giving and is still in use today. By 1888, the church was valued at \$7,000, the parsonage at \$3,000.



Graveyard at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church on High Street, 1980  
Image: National Park Service

As was customary in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, a cemetery was provided around the perimeter of the church building. Zebley states that the oldest tombstone he found was that of Rachel Hays, who died on September 21, 1838, during the days of the Brickbat Church.<sup>82</sup> The most recent tombstone is that of Fred Kielkopf, who died on November 6, 2011. All lots in the cemetery are now sold. A tall memorial monument marking the grave of Chief Justice Charles Lore stands to the right of the church building.

In 1901, Lore, speaking at the consecration of the refurbished church, quoted the Rev. Andrew Manship, "I do not wish to speak to the disparagement of other churches in Delaware, but I am compelled to say,

this in my opinion, is unsurpassed for neatness, substantiability, suitability and beauty. One of the most interesting things about it is its freedom from debt." Commenting on the people at St. Paul's, Manship quoted scripture saying, "they delighted to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with their God."<sup>83</sup>

It was these just and humble people who accomplished so much: yet little, if anything, is recorded in church histories concerning the activities of its members. In the church, each individual is valued equally before God. While it is impossible to name every member, those mentioned here are provided from stories about those who lived in the 20<sup>th</sup> century as told to the writer during personal interviews. Of course, the people worshiped together, studied the scriptures, helped the poor and needy, and contributed to missions, but they also enjoyed one another's company, as you will see.

By the 1940's the families of St. Paul's looked forward to the annual church picnic held at White Crystal Beach, in Earlvilleville, Maryland. Everyone packed a picnic lunch, the kids swam in the Elk River, and the Harry McNatt family furnished ice cream for all. The annual vacation Bible school brought children to St. Paul's from as far away as Taylors Bridge.

Weddings were exciting church events in those days and many folks remember one of the larger weddings at St. Paul's Church—of Catherine "Dissie" Thornton (1918-2014) and Philemon "Phil" Lloyd Sheats (1916-1981) on June 14, 1939. Dissie was a life-time member at St. Paul's, having entered in their Cradle Roll Department. She began teaching Sunday School at the early age of 14 and eventually became the Sunday School Superintendent. Their daughter, Ann Van Ogtrop, relates that her mother was such a petite person, she weighed only 100½-pounds on the day of her wedding—so she actually had to purchase a girl's confirmation dress for use as her wedding gown. Phil and Dissie had just \$40 between them at the time and spent it on a honeymoon in Atlantic City, BUT... they could buy dinner for only 35 cents!<sup>84</sup>

Another memorable wedding was that of Odessa residents Helen (1917-2014) and Harry McNatt (1916-2014). Harry, too, was a life-long member of St. Paul's. At the young age of seventeen, he was already the Sunday School Superintendent. He sang in the choir for over eighty years. His wife, Helen, had attended Drawyers Presbyterian Church in her childhood days. Harry and Helen's wedding on August 22, 1947, was quite the love story! Harry spied Helen at a high school basketball game in which she was playing—and thought she was pretty cute. She was sixteen and they had their first date shortly thereafter. Once they had dated for several years, Harry asked for Helen's hand in marriage. Helen

was a very independent woman, then operating a hair salon. Having been exposed to the ugliness of her parents' divorce, Helen declared she would never get married unless she had enough money in the bank to divorce and to support herself. So it was fourteen years from their first date until they were married.<sup>85</sup> The money stayed in the bank for they were happily married for sixty-seven years. Helen was obviously a catch worth waiting for and Harry had the patience of Job!

Another long-time St. Paul's member, Eleanor Cleaver, enjoyed singing in the choir along with Charlotte and Alfred Atkinson, Ace Taylor, Leonor Hampson, Marge Loven, Irma Whittington, Jeanne Buckworth, and others. Ms. Cleaver related that Don and Charlotte Wheatcraft, trained vocalists, directed the choir.<sup>86</sup>

St. Paul's organists were Myrtle Derrickson, Alma McNatt—well-known for playing by ear with a bounce to the beat—and Natalie Davis. Soon after moving to Odessa from Wilmington, Dean and Jeanne Hatton joined St. Paul's in 1950 in order to make friends themselves, and also so their daughter Sally would find some playmates. When Natalie Davis became pregnant, she asked to be excused from her organ-playing duties until the baby was born. The pastor, Rev. Edwin Thomas, heard Jeanne Hatton was an accomplished organist so he asked her to substitute for five months, which she agreed to do. Natalie did not return and Jeanne continued as St. Paul's organist for over sixty years.<sup>87</sup>

Another fond memory of many folks was the first Tom Thumb Wedding held in 1955 with bride Sally Hatton, age 5, and groom Press Hurtt, age 4. Children of the church played the part of various adult church members in a mock wedding. Sally relates that the bride and groom were restless, always going in different directions as children of that age will do; so the adults used toy handcuffs to keep them together as they stood outside on the balcony waving to their admirers after the wedding.<sup>88</sup>



Tom Thumb Wedding, 1955

As St. Paul's had no kitchen, Esther Shetzler, Lucy Shetzler, Elizabeth Wheeler, Elaine Shetzler, Irma Whittington, Emma Reynolds, Leola Davis, Mary David, Ruth Wallace, Marge Loven, Vida Kumpel, Flo Taylor, and others would use the kitchen and meeting room at the Odessa Fire Hall to hold their church dinners. The fried oysters and chicken salad menu held every election day was a favorite. The chicken salad was mixed with homemade dressing prepared days before, and only one particular person, Anna Shetzler, a Catholic woman from Middletown, was permitted to bread the oysters because the breading had to be perfect! Ms. Shetzler had at one time in her life worked in a Philadelphia restaurant. As the dinners grew in popularity and she needed help, Ms. Shetzler finally taught Elizabeth Wheeler the art of oyster breading. These ladies had no problem asking farmers in the area to donate chickens and potatoes for their dinners. One lady even remembered having to pluck and clean some of those chickens!

It was, indeed, a great church in its time; but time marches on. Life was changing. The church in the 1950's had many new needs. The people of St. Paul's would probably point to indoor plumbing as the need that most affected them! There were no bathrooms. Jeanne Hatton remembers carrying a potty in the car for their daughters' use, if needed. Dicky Wheeler remembers the little boys used a Mason jar. By the 1950s, the parsonage finally had indoor plumbing, so there was usually a waiting line to use the bathroom facilities.

As noted earlier, there was no kitchen. There was only one electrical outlet in the entire church. The classrooms were packed to capacity and some classes were held in the sanctuary. There was only one door to get in and out of the building. The heater was in need of repair. The surrounding cemetery made enlarging the building impossible. Also in the '50s, automobiles had replaced the horse and buggy. Parking on High Street had become a problem.

The Trustees, with the blessing of the congregation, decided that after one hundred and three years, it was time to build another new church, one with modern conveniences and one with access to increased parking space. It was time once again for the people of St. Paul's to pool their resources and raise the money necessary to build.

Rev. Thomas—with the aid of Weston H. Ellis, W. W. Buckingham, Jesse Loven, Mrs. Emma Reynolds, Harry McNatt and numerous other members of St. Paul's—arranged a Loyalty Dinner to be held at the Odessa Firehouse on October 13, 1955, to kick off a new campaign. At the dinner, the needs for a new church were presented—including the fact that those

present had never been part of a major campaign and had enjoyed the fruits of their forefathers' labor.<sup>89</sup> Thus began the efforts to build another St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

Fortunately, the old building was not destroyed. The beloved building on High Street was owned from 1962 to 1972 by Mrs. John S. Thatcher of Berlin, Maryland. The Thatchers had many friends in the area and liked the town so in 1972 they gifted the building back to St. Paul's United Methodist Church.<sup>90</sup> Leonor Hampson, a St. Paul's member, bought the building from the church for \$800, then sold it to the Women's Club of Odessa for \$1.00.<sup>91</sup>

The Women's Club spent several years restoring the building. They replaced the roof, painted the exterior woodwork, refurbished the sanctuary, added two bathrooms and a small kitchen downstairs, restored the stained glass windows, corrected the sewage and water problems, and upgraded from gas lights to electric. The exterior bricks were repointed and the brick sidewalks restored.

"The dominating feature of the church is the Tracker organ with its intricately decorated pipes that rise from behind the altar area. The instrument, which is encased in a massive walnut cabinet, was made in the mid-1880s by A. B. Felgemaker & Co. of Erie, PA. It is No. 465 on the Felgemaker 'Opus List' according to the Organ Clearing House in Harrisville, NH," relates Carla Pyle, former President of the Club.<sup>92</sup>

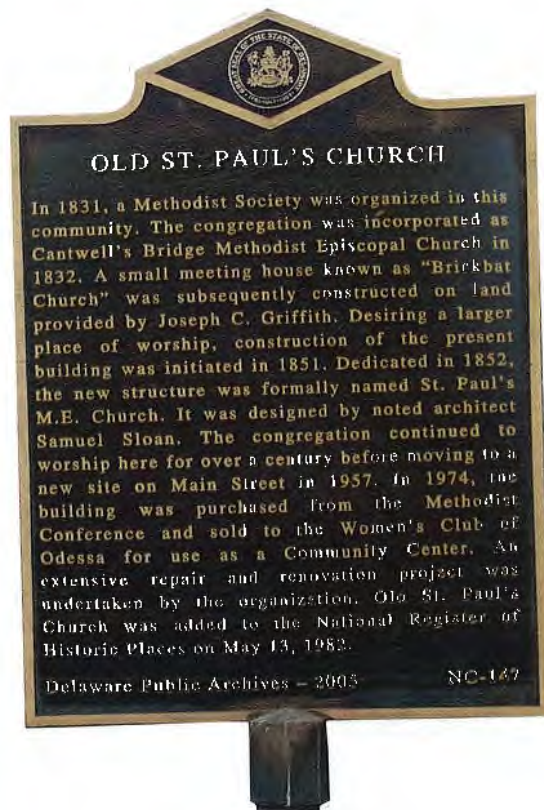


Detail of the Tracker organ  
Image: Courtesy of Women's Club of Odessa

"Restoring the old and valuable organ was just one more step in the Club's ongoing project of bringing the old 1852

church back to its former place as one of the most elegant Greek revival buildings in the area," Pyle said.<sup>93</sup>

In December 1964, an institution was born! The Women's Club of Odessa held its first major fundraiser, known as "Christmas in Odessa,"



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quilt shows, church history groups, Winterthur Foundation meetings, festive celebrations, weddings and funerals. The multi-purpose room is the meeting place for the Middletown-Odessa Garden Club and an exercise class has been meeting there three days a week for over thirty years.

The Women's Club has benefitted significantly from government grants-in-aid. The State of Delaware provided matching funds to restore the organ. The Club also received money through the State Bond Bill as well as assistance from the State Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.

The venerable building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. For a time, the cemetery was turned over to Old St. Paul's Cemetery Association but has recently been returned to the Women's Club.<sup>91</sup>

a tour of colonial and other homes in the town. When the ladies acquired the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church building in 1972, the balance of the "Christmas in Odessa" proceeds was used to refurbish the church building. Nowadays, a large portion of the proceeds fund scholarships for local high school students. The "Christmas in Odessa" tour celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2014 and is still a highly successful event.

Today the former church building is also used as a cultural center. In addition to Women's Club meetings, it is used for recitals, concerts, lectures, art exhibits,

## ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON MAIN STREET

Since St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church on High Street outgrew its physical limitations in 1955, the congregation bought the Drawyers Presbyterian Church on Main Street, had it demolished, and built a new and larger building which was dedicated on September 15, 1957.<sup>95</sup> It, too, bore the name of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church until 1968 when all Methodist churches joined and it became St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

A copy of the Articles of Agreement for the Sale of Land dated August 23, 1955, between the New Castle Presbytery and the Board of Trustees of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, Odessa, states that the Presbyterian Church in Odessa, containing 16,200 square feet, be sold to St. Paul's for the sum of \$5,000. The deed for this property was signed on December 19, 1955.<sup>96</sup>

A deed between Pierce B. and Hattie M. Donovan and St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church shows the purchase of adjacent property at a price of \$4,800. An interesting part of the deed states, "This conveyance is specifically made IN TRUST, that said premises shall be used, kept, and maintained as a place of divine worship of the Methodist ministry and members of The Methodist Church."<sup>97</sup>



St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church on Main Street, 2015

# THE CHURCHES OF DELAWARE

by

FRANK R. ZEBLEY

Author of "Along the Brandywine"



*A history, in brief, of the nearly 900 churches  
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These meetings were continued for two years, when Joseph C. Griffith donated the land upon which to build a church. An old brick house near Fieldsboro was bought and a burned-out brick house near Odessa was donated and the congregation proceeded to tear them down and clean the bricks. With these bricks a fair-sized church was built in 1833 and the walls were white-washed. It was called the "Brick-bat Church." The corner-stone of the present church was laid on Aug. 27, 1851, at 10:30 A. M., by the Rev. Mr. Hodgson and the Rev. J. R. Anderson, the pastor. It was dedicated on Oct. 24, 1852, by Bishop Levi Scott, assisted by the Revs. Andrew Manship and J. Aspril, the pastor. The church was repaired in 1877 and improved in 1880. The semi-centennial of the church was celebrated on Jan. 18, 1883. Services were conducted by the Revs. J. S. Cook, B. F. Price and J. S. Willis. At a reopening, after repairs, on Nov. 18, 1901, a sketch of the history of the church and the town was delivered by Chief Justice Charles B. Lore. This address was later printed in pamphlet form. Improvements to the church were made in 1939. There is a large graveyard beside the church. The oldest tombstone the writer could find is on the grave of Rachel Hays who died on Sept. 21, 1838.

**Zoar M. E. Church**, colored, at Odessa. The present site of this church was purchased from Daniel Stevens on Nov. 2, 1880, for \$500.00. The church was built in 1881. It was dedicated on June 11, 1882, by Bishop E. G. Andrews.

**Hopkins' Landing A. M. E. Church.** On Nov. 30, 1824, the trustees purchased a half-acre of land from Wm. Polk for \$10.00. It was located on a new road leading from Odessa to Hopkins' Landing where they proposed to erect a church.

**Immanuel Methodist Church (M.E.)** at Townsend was organized on June 13, 1871. Services had been held for several years in the schoolhouse. On July 5, 1871, they purchased land from Samuel B. Ginn upon which a frame church was erected. It was dedicated on Aug. 20, 1871, by the Revs. J. F. Clymer, Vaughn Smith and W. C. Prettyman. On Sept. 2, 1881, land was purchased from James T. Taylor, about one mile s. w. of the town, where a cemetery was established.

The church was improved in 1878, at which time the Delaware Railroad presented a bell to the church. This bell had been used for years in New Castle to announce to the people the incoming and outgoing trains. Additional land was purchased on Mar. 6, 1890 and on Sept. 21, 1891, from John Townsend and Jesse J. Taylor.

The corner-stone of the present church was laid on Sept. 10, 1902. It was dedicated on May 3, 1903, by the Rev. S. B. McBurney assisted by the Rev. J. H. Beauchamp, the pastor. The old church was converted into two homes which stand at the southern edge of the town. A new bell was the gift of the Sunday School class of Miss Ethelwyn J. Maloney. Improvements

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247. ST. PAULS METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 19312--, High St., Odessa.

Organized 1831 and called Mt. Zion of Castwell (Odessa previously known as Cantwell Bridge). Incorporated March 14, 1833 taking the name of Cantwell's Bridge Methodist Episcopal Church. Present name adopted 1852. Services held in schoolhouse until 1833, then a one story brick building on present site. This was replaced by present building, dedicated 1852. Two story brick building, gothic style. Cemetery Association of St. Paul's, incorporated 1929. First settled clergyman, Rev. Jonathan S. Willis, 1859-60.

Membership, 1857--, 4 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Norman C. Benson. Records of incorporation: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. Q4, p. 131. vol. P6, p. 47: Certificate of Incorporation; vol. I32, p. 76.

248. EBENEZER METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1834--, Clinton St. Delaware City.

Organized 1834 as an outgrowth of Union Sunday School held in the schoolhouse and called Delaware City Methodist Episcopal Church, retaining this name until 1929. Services were held in private homes until 1834 when a one story brick church was erected on the corner of Jefferson and Williams Sts. this church was used until the present church on Clinton Street was dedicated in 1878. A one story brick structure with belfry and bell. Present name adopted January 20, 1928. First settled clergyman, Rev. John Ruth, 1956-57. See: Rev. P. B. Punter, historical sketch, 1898, manuscript; and Clement Evert, continuation of same, 1937, manuscript in possession of Clement Evert. Minutes, 1834-1927, 2 vols.; Register, 1926--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1927--, 1 vol.; in possession of Clement Evert, W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Minutes, 1927--, 1 vol.; in possession of Miss Mildred Netsch, Adams St. Sunday School, 1927--, 1 vol.; in possession of William Geoghegan, Williams St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office: Deeds Record; vol. T6, p/ 110; vol. D9, p. 431; vol. F8, p. 310; vol. S10, p. 69; vol. O17, p. 194; vol. O35, p. 171.

249. PROSPECT METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1834--, State Highway 14, near Vernon.

Organized and first building, a frame structure on present site, erected in 1854. Present building dedicated in 1874. It is a frame building with a cornerstone. Present pastor also serves Salem (entry 237). First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1888--, 1 vol.; Register, 1888--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1874--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Robert W. Eastings, Farmington. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. I3, P. 190; vol. O4, p. 403; vol. O5, p. 90.

250. TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1836--, 5 miles W. of Bridgeville.

Organized 1936 and services held in the barn of Lewis Newton Bright. First church, a one story frame structure, was erected on the present site in 1844 and used until 1857 when the present building was dedicated. A one story frame structure with gallery, which was used by colored members. First settled clergyman, Rev. W. Spry, tenure of office unknown.

Minutes, 1886--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1884--, 1 vol.; in possession of

**STATE OF DELAWARE TO DEDICATE  
HISTORICAL MARKER AT OLD ST. PAUL'S  
METHODIST CHURCH IN ODESSA  
JANUARY 10, 2006 12:45 P.M.**

On Tuesday, January 10, 2006, a dedication ceremony will be held for the unveiling of a Delaware State Historical Marker which documents the history of Old St Paul's Methodist Church – located on 506 High Street in Odessa. Legislative sponsors Senator James T. Vaughn, Representative Bruce C. Ennis and Representative Richard C. Cathcart will be in attendance as well as Mayor Kathy Harvey of Odessa, Pastor Karin Tunnell of the new St. Paul's Church and numerous members of the women's club.

The church was organized in 1831 and served the area until the late 1950s. After standing vacant for over 20 years, the Women's Club obtained ownership of the building and aggressively restored it. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. The Women's Club continues to maintain the building and it is used as a community center.

*All interested persons are encouraged to attend the ceremony celebrating the rich history of this church. For further information contact Karen Donovan, Delaware Public Archives at 302-744-5048.*

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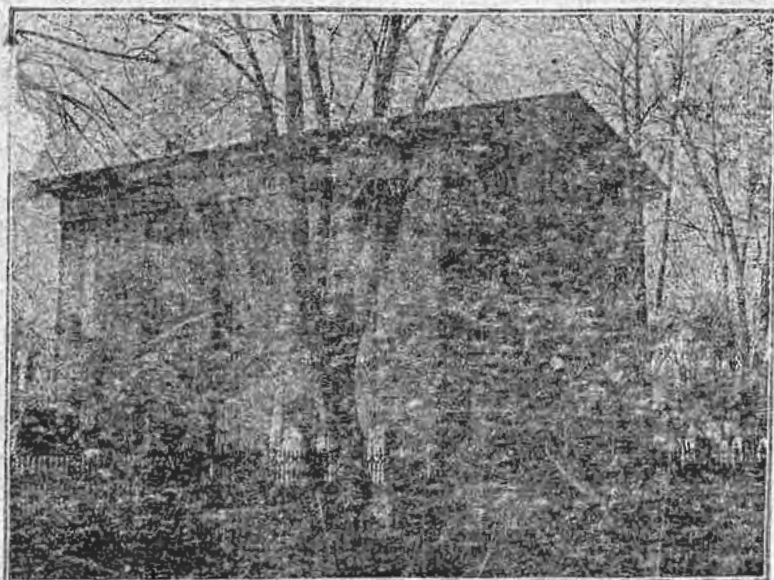
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### A Partial History of the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church Odessa, Delaware

In Odessa in 1830, then called Cantwell's Bridge, there were but two Methodists, Wessel Aldrich and his sister, Mrs. Rebecca Pogue, both members of Old Union Church. Presbyterian services were held in Old Drawer's Church, and in the Friends' Meeting House a few families met; yet many of the people of the village, especially the young, spent their Sabbaths in idleness and sport. The village was then much smaller than now, there being but four or five houses north of Main street, but it was much more important commercially, as it was one of the chief grain marts of the State. These facts made their impression upon Brother Aldrich, who lived in a small brick house near Appoquinimink Creek, and on Brother J. V. Mouge, whose home was in the brick house that has stood for a hundred years at the eastern end of the causeway. They, with Benjamin Fields and the Naudain brothers, Nelson and Elias, at length determined to make an effort to have Methodist services in Cantwell's Bridge, and in some trepidation sought of the school trustees the use of the school house. This was readily granted, and some time in 1831 Rev. Richard Greenbank, preacher in charge of Smyrna Circuit, was applied to, entered heartily into the plan, and services were begun and largely attended. The Spirit was mightily poured out in these meetings, and a number were converted, among them Jos. C. Griffith, who made the little society a gift of the ground on which the present church stands, and labored as carpenter in building the first edifice. A few brethren from Middletown and Union met at the house of Brother Aldrich, appointed a committee on materials, and bought for a hundred dollars an old brick house standing on the farm of Abram Staats, near Fieldsboro, which had been destroyed by fire, all but the walls, and gave notice for the people to meet and pull it down, clean the bricks and haul them to the church lot. To their joyful surprise a crowd of teams and people assembled and the work was quickly and pleasantly done. As that house did not furnish bricks enough, another burned out brick house, standing on the farm of Mr. Rogers, near Odessa, was kindly donated to the committee, and Brother Charles Tatman gave the shingles. The carpenter was Brother Griffith and the mason Brother Samuel Floyd, who was also the first class leader. The structure was thirty by forty, one story, and white-washed. Before it was finished, plank seats were arranged, and Rev. Richard Greenbank preached standing on the carpenter's bench, a very appropriate pulpit for an ambassador of the son of the carpenter.

Thus the house was raised and dedicated without debt. The church was named Mt. Zion, but from the materials out of which it was constructed, the people bestowed on it the name of the "Old Bat Church." For nearly twenty years this plain structure was gloriously owned by God by the descent of the Holy Ghost upon its assembled worshippers. In fact, the building of the second structure, within whose walls we now meet, was made necessary from this very cause, particularly by the great revivals under Pastors Cunningham, Jones,

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## A Partial History of the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

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and Price. In 1850 a contract was made to build for \$4,000 and the materials in the old church, some of which materials are in the present structure, so far as to constitute part of the filling of the foundation trenches. The carefully preserved subscription books and other testimonials, show that the people responded to this second call with great liberality, and on October 23d, 1852, the church was dedicated free of debt. The new church received the name it still bears, St. Paul's, and about two years later the name of the village was also changed from Cantwell's Bridge to Odessa. Such, in outline, is the history of the material structure.



BISHOP W. F. MCDOWELL, D. D., LL. D.  
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Who will preach at the Centennial Celebration held in  
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10:00 A. M.—Address to Church School  
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11:00 A. M.—Devotional Exercises ..... Pastor

Anthem ..... Junior Choir

Trombone Solo ..... Mrs. Pearl Snyder, Prospect Park, N. J.

Solo ..... A. T. Snyder

Sermon—Rev. Clarence T. Wilson, D. D., Secretary Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

6:45 P. M.—Young People's Meeting.

7:30 P. M.—Special Music ..... St. Paul's Orchestra

Violin Solo ..... Atilio Zanolli

Sermon ..... Rev. Percy W. Strickland

Evangelist Robert Frazier and Mrs. Frazier, well known to radio listeners will assist in the services each evening beginning at 7:30. Speakers will include, Dr. John L. Johnson, Rev. M. E. Wheatley and Rev. A. W. Strickland.

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SUNDAY, MAY 7TH.

10:00 A. M.—Address to Church School  
William E. Skellenger, Wilmington, Del.

11:00 A. M.—Divine Worship.

Anthem ..... Junior Choir

Solo ..... Miss Helen Vineyard

Violin Selection ..... Atilio Zanolli

Sermon... Bishop Wm. F. McDowell, D. D., LL. D., Washington, D. C.

6:45 P. M.—Young People's Meeting.

7:30 P. M.—Selection by the orchestra and other special musical features.

Sermon ..... F. Chas. Louhoff, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Frazier will assist in all services of the day.



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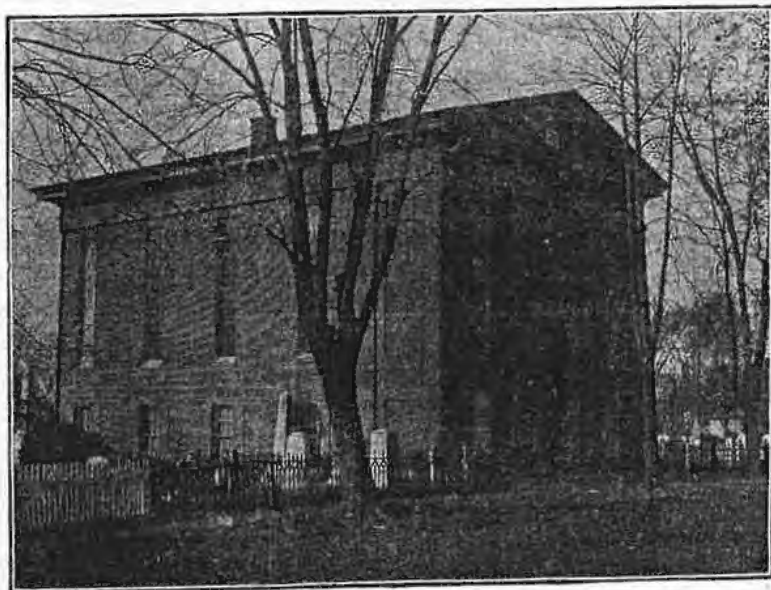
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## OLD ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

### Odessa, Delaware

The cornerstone of Old St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church was laid in August 1851. The building replaced a smaller brick church on the same site which had been built soon after 1832, the year the Methodist Church of Cantwell's Bridge (Odessa) was founded.

The contractor and builder of Old St. Paul's was Henry L. Rose, and the contract was taken at \$3,950.00. The architect was Samuel G. Sloan of Philadelphia.

Samuel Sloan (1815-1884) wrote books on architecture and was well known in Philadelphia and the South where he designed many houses, hospitals and churches. The Bank of Delaware on Odessa's Main St. and almost certainly the Gantt W. Miller house on High Street are other local examples of his work.

Though celebrated for its 18th century houses, Odessa boasts distinguished structures of the Federal and Victorian eras. Among the latter groups, Old St. Paul's is the outstanding example. Its reposeful solidity attests to the success of Methodism in Delaware, a religious movement which established itself in the state during the American Revolution. In temple form, the building represents the very end of the Federal, or American Classical style. In addition, the proportions of the lofty central doorway have a weight and dignity typical of the "Egyptian Style", a cross current of American taste at this time. After worshipping for over a hundred years in Old St. Paul's, the Methodists moved into a new brick church on Main St., Odessa, in 1955.

The Women's Club of Odessa now owns the old church and has undertaken as a Bicentennial Project its repair and stabilization. Progress to date includes reroofing the church and the restoration of the stained glass windows. Augmenting the work of the Women's Club are grants from the State of Delaware and other government agencies.

It is planned to make the building a cultural center, though efforts at the present time are centered on saving from decay this distinguished monument, a candidate for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Contributions to this continuing project may be sent to Mrs. Raymond B. Wallace, Chairman, Church Restoration Project, Women's Club of Odessa, Odessa, Delaware 19730.

**Drawer's Presbyterian Church**, at Odessa, was built in 1858, and was dedicated on May 9, 1861. In 1886, extensive renovations were made.

**St. Paul's Methodist Church (M.E.)** at Odessa. In 1830, at a revival meeting, in Fieldsboro, several young men from Odessa were converted. They secured the use of the schoolhouse and the Rev. Richard Greenbank, of the Smyrna circuit, began to hold services in 1831. They adopted the name "Mt. Zion Meeting-House." They were incorporated on June 25, 1832 as the "Cantwell's Bridge M. E. Church," Cantwell's Bridge being the name of Odessa at that time.

These meetings were continued for two years, when Joseph C. Griffith donated the land upon which to build a church. An old brick house near Fieldsboro was bought and a burned-out brick house near Odessa was donated and the congregation proceeded to tear them down and clean the bricks. With these bricks a fair-sized church was built in 1833 and the walls were white-washed. It was called the "Brick-bat Church." The corner-stone of the present church was laid on Aug. 27, 1851, at 10:30 A. M., by the Rev. Mr. Hodgson and the Rev. J. R. Anderson, the pastor. It was dedicated on Oct. 24, 1852, by Bishop Levi Scott, assisted by the Revs. Andrew Manship and J. Aspril, the pastor. The church was repaired in 1877 and improved in 1880. The semi-centennial of the church was celebrated on Jan. 18, 1883. Services were conducted by the Revs. J. S. Cook, B. F. Price and J. S. Willis. At a reopening, after repairs, on Nov. 18, 1901, a sketch of the history of the church and the town was delivered by Chief Justice Charles B. Lore. This address was later printed in pamphlet form. Improvements to the church were made in 1939. There is a large graveyard beside the church. The oldest tombstone the writer could find is on the grave of Rachel Hays who died on Sept. 21, 1838.

**Zoar M. E. Church**, colored, at Odessa. The present site of this church was purchased from Daniel Stevens on Nov. 2, 1880, for \$500.00. The church was built in 1881. It was dedicated on June 11, 1882, by Bishop E. G. Andrews.

**Hopkins' Landing A. M. E. Church.** On Nov. 30, 1824, the trustees purchased a half-acre of land from Wm. Polk for \$10.00. It was located on a new road leading from Odessa to Hopkins' Landing where they proposed to erect a church.

**Immanuel Methodist Church (M.E.)** at Townsend was organized on June 13, 1871. Services had been held for several years in the schoolhouse. On July 5, 1871, they purchased land from Samuel B. Ginn upon which a frame church was erected. It was dedicated on Aug. 20, 1871, by the Revs. J. F. Clymer, Vaughn Smith and W. C. Prettyman. On Sept. 2, 1881, land was purchased from James T. Taylor, about one mile s. w. of the town, where a cemetery was established.

The church was improved in 1878, at which time the Delaware Railroad presented a bell to the church. This bell had been used for years in New Castle to announce to the people the incoming and outgoing trains. Additional land was purchased on Mar. 6, 1890 and on Sept. 21, 1891, from John Townsend and Jesse J. Taylor.

The corner-stone of the present church was laid on Sept. 10, 1902. It was dedicated on May 3, 1903, by the Rev. S. B. McBurney assisted by the Rev. J. H. Beauchamp, the pastor. The old church was converted into two homes which stand at the southern edge of the town. A new bell was the gift of the Sunday School class of Miss Ethelwyn J. Maloney. Improvements

## HISTORY OF THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF ODESSA, INC. AND OLD ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

The Women's Club of Odessa was started on November 9, 1954. Mrs. Sherman Tribbitt was the first president. They had 33 members. Mrs. Harmon Money, of Middletown, was the Delaware State Federation of Women's Clubs President.

1959 – The first big project undertaken by the club was the reclamation and expansion of the Odessa Community Center. The Center was used as a kindergarten for many years. It is still used for various town meetings, as well as the administration building for the Appoquinimink School District.

1960 - Sponsored by the Women's Club, Mrs. Raymond Wallace taught oil painting lessons for children in the area ranging in ages from 7-17. As a fundraiser, the club started serving the Rotary Club dinners for their meetings at St. Paul's Church, as a fundraiser.

1962 - The club started the Odessa beautification project. Many diseased trees in Odessa and along Route 13 were removed and replaced by the dogwood trees.

1963 - The News-Journal awarded Women's Club the outstanding club award for community activities for a club with less than 50 members.

1964 - "Christmas in Odessa" was started to enable the club to give scholarships to young people in the area. The fields of nursing and teaching were encouraged due to a shortage in these professions. For the past 40 years, the Women's Club has provided educational scholarships to high school seniors who reside in the Appoquinimink School District (currently 4 \$2,000 scholarships are given annually) and U.S. government Savings Bonds to eighth graders with academic excellence..

1968 - Women's Club is honored for the landscaping work at the Odessa Fire Hall.

1970 – The Women's Club of Odessa, with the help of the Middletown Chamber of Commerce, actively starts to establish an Odessa Medical Center. Medical doctors were extremely scarce in our area. In July 1971, Dr. Pablo O. Velasco, Jr. begins his practice in Odessa.

1974 - 1990 **Old St. Paul's**

- The Women's Club obtained ownership of the Old St. Paul's Church building, which had been vacant for approximately 20 years. The building, now on the National Register of Historic Places, was put up for sale by the Methodist Conference and could have been demolished. It was saved by being purchased by Mrs. Leonard J. Hampson, then president of the Women's Club and then given to the club with the intention that it would be used as a clubhouse, museum and

cultural center. The cornerstone of Old St. Paul's M.E. Church was laid in August 1851. It was built to replace a smaller brick church on the same site built 30 years earlier (Methodist Church of Cantwell's Bridge). The contractor and builder of Old St. Paul's was Henry L. Rose, and the contract was taken at \$3,950. The architect was Samuel C. Sloan of Philadelphia, well-known in Philadelphia and the South, where he designed many houses, hospitals and churches.

- The first project was to secure the outside of the building by repairs to the roof, restoration to the stained glass windows, removing a foot of debris in the building and painting the exterior.
- Over the next years, the club provided the building with electricity, plumbing and heating, drilled a well, repaired the interior walls, painted, repaired and refinished the floors on the first floor, and installed a kitchen and two bathrooms. On the exterior of the building, repointing of bricks was begun and the brick sidewalks restored. By 1990, the roof, gutters and downspouts were repaired and the roof painted.
- We are continuing the restoration, maintenance and rehabilitation of the Old Church so it can continue to be used as a clubhouse, museum and cultural center.
- In 1975 local legislators submitted a State Bond Bill for \$30,000.00 to be used in the restoration. The State hired Bonner & Fink and the Club worked under direction of the State Historical and Cultural Affairs Division. That year the gross income from Christmas in Odessa was \$18,000. In November 1975 the kickoff for the State Bicentennial Activities were held at Old St. Paul's.
- In 1976 a bill for \$40,000 bill was introduced these additional monies from State took three years to get and were received in 1979.
- In 1979 the Electrical and Fire Alarm Systems were installed.
- During 1980-81 bathrooms, hot water, well, and hook-up to the sewer were completed.
- On May 13, 1982 the building went onto the National Register of Historic Places.
- Between 1982-84 the Kitchen and appliances, storm windows, and interior painting was completed.
- In 1983 & 1984, the Women's Club sponsors the State Junior Miss Program.
- In 1985-86 stenciling, and painting in upstairs room was done. The Club finally matched the \$70,000 of State funding making the total costs of renovations to date of \$140,000.
- The Women's Club, with matching funds from the State of Delaware, began restoring the Tracker Organ. This organ is the only one of its kind. A grant of \$13,000. from the state's Bicentennial Improvement Program was matched by the club, which voted to commit the money from proceeds of "Christmas in Odessa" tours. Restoring the old and valuable organ was just one more step in the club's ongoing project of bringing the old (1852) church back to its former place as one of the most elegant buildings in the area.
- The results of that effort are apparent today on both the interior and exterior of the building, which, was abandoned by its congregation in 1955. Most impressive are the soaring stained glass windows – five on each side of the sanctuary – and the refinishing of the interior with its elaborate frescoes on the walls. The dominating feature of the church is the Felgemaker organ with its intricately decorated pipes

that rise from behind the altar area. The instrument, which is encased in a massive walnut cabinet, was made in the mid-1880s by A.B. Felgemaker & Co. of Erie, PA. It is No. 465 on the Felgemaker "Opus List" according to the Organ Clearing House in Harrisville, NH.

- The Club contacted the firm of Bruner & Heller, Organ builders, in Marietta, PA as recommended by the director of the Organ Clearing House. Their work on the instrument took a year. The organ was vandalized after the church's congregation moved to Main Street, as were some of the stained glass windows, which were dedicated to former members of the congregation. The Club has managed to preserve most of the instrument including the original ebony and ivory key covers.
- The initial building renovation project took a tremendous amount of work by the Women's Club, aided by expert help from the state's Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs and The Winterthur Foundation. The club has also had the support of the Odessa Town Council, the community and people throughout the state for supporting the work.
- Financial support came from the state with grants of \$30,000 in 1976 and another \$40,000 in 1979. The Women's Club has contributed more than \$80,000
- The building has been used for many community functions – meetings, concerts, lectures, art exhibits, church history groups, the Winterthur Foundation, and tours such as "Christmas in Odessa." There have also been five weddings in the restored building.
- In 1988 –1990 carpentry repairs, more repointing, roof repair/repaint, floor repair, office furnished, update electric system, fencing in cemetery. The Women's Club retained the corporation in place to maintain the cemetery and established 3 of its members as Directors of the Corporation. The club cleared overgrowth, repaired stones and caving graves, and repaired fencing that was painted by the Boy Scouts. Brick walks were restored. Fencing was replaced at a cost of \$10,029. New plantings were also purchased and planted.
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#### 2002 – Present Old St. Paul's Current Repair and Restoration:

- Voted to rewrite the By-laws to allow the Christmas in Odessa Funds to be dedicated for five years to the restoration efforts on OSP.

- Formed a committee to oversee the planning and restoration efforts for the repairs to the roof and exterior.
- Consulted with an architect and Structural Engineer to inform us about the project.
- Developed a Strategic Plan for the Women's Club of Odessa, Inc. for 2003 –2008.
- Applied for and received a 501 (c)(3) IRS non-profit designation.
- Applied for 7 grants to assist the club with the costs of initial repairs. We were awarded 5 grants and one \$2,000 State grant-in-aid (\$25,000 each from the Longwood, Welfare and Crystal Foundations, \$1,000 from Preservation Delaware, \$4,000 from New Castle County Council (two different years of \$1,500 and \$2,500)
- Requested contractor bids and selected a contractor for the initial exterior repairs. Initial work completed in November 2004 at a cost of \$138,247.
- Fire Alarm installed in January 2005 at a cost of \$3,700.
- A committee was formed to develop a comprehensive plan for the remainder of the exterior work and for the needed interior changes. A second committee was formed to plan for the future use of the building as a community center.
- Currently, we are requesting the advice of another structural engineer and Historic Architect to begin repairs and restoration on the interior of the building so it can be used as a community center and cultural center.

M Forman party to this Indenture known to me personally to be such and acknowledged this Indenture to be his deed, given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid

Peter B. Vandever, Notary Public

State of New York

City and County of New York SS: Be it Remembered



That on this Twelfth day of December A D 1867, personally appeared before me a Commissioner for the State of Delaware residing in said State,

City and County Helen B Forman wife of Thomas M Forman who being privately examined by me separate and apart from her husband acknowledged that she executed the foregoing Instrument as her own and 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

Edwin F. Corey, Junr

Commissioner for the State of Delaware in New York,

Received for Record January 11<sup>th</sup> A D 1868.

A. P. Shannon, Recorder.

Pursuant to public notice given according to Law (viz by public notice being posted on Church door for 10 days calling for a public meeting of the Society of St Pauls Methodist Episcopal Church of Odessa Del. for the purpose of electing Trustees of said Church) said meeting was held on Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup> 1867 at 8 O'clock A M. On motion Rev Geo. A Phoebus was elected Chairman and Thomas J. Earvo Secy. President stated the object of the meeting to be the Election of a board of Trustees he also read the laws of the State of Delaware in regard to the Election of said Trustees. When on motion it was resolved that the number of Trustees of this Church shall be nine. On motion resolved that the Election be by ballot, a vote was then taken by ballot and John Appleton, John Whitley, Thomas J. Earvo Leonard C. Asprel, George W. Haudair, Henry W. Appleton, William M Vandegrift, Charles Fairman and Richard Eaton were elected they each of them having a majority of votes.

On motion adjourned  
Geo. A Phoebus Chairman

T. J. Earvo, Secretary

Received for Record January 13<sup>th</sup> A D 1868.

A. P. Shannon Recorder.

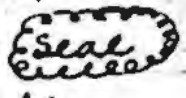


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Whereof I the said William Herbert Sheriff as aforesaid have herunto set my hand and seal the Third day of December A D Eighteen hundred and sixty seven.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Peter B Vandever } US Stamps 50<sup>cts</sup> Wm Herbert Sheriff 

State of Delaware

Newcastle County, D: Be it Remembered that on this Third day of December A D 1867 personally came before me Peter B Vandever a Notary Public for the State of Delaware, William Herbert Esquire Sheriff of Newcastle County party to this Deed Poll or Instrument of writing known to me personally to be such and acknowledged this Deed Poll or Instrument of writing to be his deed given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid



Peter B. Vandever, Notary Public

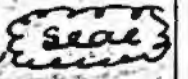
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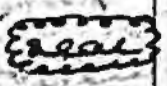
A. B. Shannon, Recorder, Etc.

This Indenture made the Twenty First day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine Between Elias B Baker and Susan <sup>Ann Baker</sup> his wife of the Village of Odessa Newcastle County and State of Delaware of the one part, and John Appleton, James V Moore, John Whitley, Henry P Baker and Thomas T Enos in Trust, as Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Village of Odessa Newcastle County and State of Delaware of the other part Witnesseth, That the said Elias B Baker and Susan Ann his wife for and in consideration of the conveyance of Four Burial Lots, in the grave yard, or Burial ground of said Church by certificate for and in consideration, unto them well and truly signed by the said Trustees of said Church at or before the sealing or delivery of these Presents, the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained sold, aliened enfeoffed released conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release convey and confirm unto the said John Appleton, James V Moore, John Whitley, Henry P Baker and Thomas T Enos in Trust, as aforesaid and to their Successors a certain Lot of Ground, situate in said Village of Odessa, Newcastle County and State aforesaid bounded as follows by Beginning at the South East corner of said Lot, on High Street and running thence with said High Street North forty and

degrees West eighteen feet to land of said M & E Church  
 thence with the line of said M & E Church land South  
 forty one degrees West fifty feet to a corner of Thomas J.  
 Enos Lot, thence with said Lot South forty nine degrees  
 East eighteen feet to a corner of said Thomas J Enos  
 and Elias B Baker's Lot, thence with Elias B Baker's Lot  
 North forty one degrees East fifty feet to the place of Begin-  
 ning, containing nine hundred square feet, be the  
 same more or less. The said Lot or parcel of Land, to be  
 used exclusively for Burial purposes Together with  
 all and singular the improvements, ways, woods wat-  
 ers, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges heredit-  
 aments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto  
 belonging or in any wise appertaining thereunto, and  
 the reversions and remainders rents issues and pro-  
 fits thereof; and all the estate right title interest pro-  
 perty claim and demand whatsoever of them the  
 said Elias B Baker and Susan Ann his wife in law  
 equity or otherwise howsoever of in and to the same  
 and every part and parcel thereof: To have and  
 to hold the said Lot of Land above described with the  
 hereditaments and premises hereby granted or men-  
 tioned or intended so to be with the appurtenances  
 thereunto belonging unto the said Trustees of the said  
 M & E Church their Successors and Assigns, to and for  
 the only proper use and behoof of the said Trustees of the  
 said M & E Church and their Successors and Assigns for-  
 ever And the said Elias B Baker and Susan Ann  
 his wife their Heirs Executors and Administrators do  
 by these presents covenant grant and agree to and  
 with the said Trustees of said M & E Church and their  
 Successors and Assigns, that they the said Elias B  
 Baker and Susan Ann his wife their Heirs, all and  
 singular the hereditaments and premises herein be-  
 fore described and granted or mentioned or intend-  
 ed so to be with the appurtenances unto the said  
 Trustees of said M & E Church their Successors and  
 Assigns against them the said Elias B Baker and  
 Susan Ann his wife their Heirs and against all and  
 every other Person or Persons whomsoever lawfully cla-  
 iming or to claim the same or any part thereof by  
 through or under them or either of them shall and  
 will by these presents warrant and forever defend  
 In Witness Whereof the said parties to these presen-  
 ts, have hereunto interchangeably set their hands  
 and seals Dated the day and year first above writ-  
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Sealed & Delivered  
 in the presence of  
 John Farrier Jr.

Elias B Baker 

Susan A Baker 

State of Delaware

Newcastle County S D:



Be it Remembered That on this Twenty First day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven personally came before me John Parvier for Notary Public for the State of Delaware Elias B Baker and Susan Ann his wife parties to this Indenture known to me personally to be such and severally acknowledged this Indenture to be their deed; and the said Susan A 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 husbands displeasure, given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid

Public for the State of Delaware Elias B Baker and Susan Ann his wife parties to this Indenture known to me personally to be such and severally acknowledged this Indenture to be their deed; and the said Susan A 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 husbands displeasure, given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid

John Parvier for Notary Public

Received for Record December 28<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1867.

A. P. Shannon, Recorder.

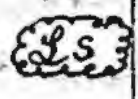

E. S.

This Indenture made the Fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty ~~seven~~<sup>two</sup> Between Leonard V Aspril of St Georges Hundred in Newcastle County and State of Delaware, and Mary his wife of the first part, and John Appleton, James V. Moore John Whilby, Henry P Baker, Thomas J Ems Leonard V. Aspril and Elias N Moore of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Odessa in County and State as aforesaid and all of the County and State as aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth, That the said Leonard V Aspril and Mary his wife for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar lawful money of the United States of America, unto them well and truly paid by the said Appleton, Moore, Baker, Ems, Aspril, and E. N. Moore Trustees as aforesaid at or before the sealing and delivery of these Presents, the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged Have granted, bargained sold aliened enfeoffed released conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain sell alien enfeoff release convey and confirm unto the said Appleton, Moore, Whilby, Baker, Ems, Aspril, and E. N. Moore Trustees as aforesaid and their Successors in office. All that certain Lot piece or parcel of Land in Trust for the use and behoof of the said Methodist Episcopal Church in Odessa, and bounded as follows Beginning at a point on a line between lands of the said Leonard V. Aspril and Thomas J Ems in the said Village of Odessa in County and State as aforesaid, and formerly land of Mrs Eaton at a distance of one hundred and nineteen feet from the corner

of said line on Fifth Street in said Village, thence run-  
ning North forty nine degrees <sup>West</sup> eight feet to William Rose's  
private burial lot in the grave yard of said Church  
thence with the line of said lot South forty one degrees  
West thirty three eight feet six inches to line of lands of  
Mordecai Doughten, thence with the line of said Dough-  
ten South forty nine degrees East eight feet to land of  
said Leonard V Aspril, thence North forty one degrees East  
thirty eight feet six inches by land of said Aspril to the  
place of Beginning, and containing in all thirty four  
and two ninths Square Yards of Land, Be the same more  
or less, and is a part of the lot of land which Elizabeth Hart  
and Catharine Arthurs conveyed to said Aspril by Deed  
dated August Ninth A D 1856, and as Recorded in the  
office for the Recording of Deeds in and for Newcastle  
County in Newcastle in **Book B Vol 7 Page 728**, Reference  
being had therunto will more fully and at large appear  
Together with all and singular the House improve-  
ments ways woods waters water courses rights liberties  
privileges hereditaments and appurtenances whatso-  
ever therunto belonging or in any wise appertaining  
and the reversions and remainders rents issues and  
profits thereof; and all the estate right title interest  
property claim and demand whatsoever of them the  
said Leonard V Aspril and Mary his wife in law eq-  
uity or otherwise howsoever of in and to the same and  
every part and parcel thereof: To have and to hold  
the said lot piece or parcel of Land hereditaments  
and premises hereby granted or mentioned or in-  
tended so to be with the appurtenances therunto  
belonging unto the said Appleton, Moore, Whitley, Baker  
Ewos, Aspril and E N Moore Trustees as aforesaid their  
successors in office to and for the only proper use and  
behof of the said Methodist Episcopal Church in Od-  
essa as aforesaid, its present Trustees as aforesaid and  
their successors in office forever. And the said Leonard  
V Aspril and Mary his wife their Heirs Executors and  
Administrators do by these presents covenant grant  
and agree to and with the said Appleton, Moore, Whil-  
ley, Baker, Ewos, Aspril and E N Moore Trustees as afo-  
said and their successors in office, that they the said  
Leonard V Aspril and Mary his wife their Heirs all and  
singular the hereditaments and premises herein above  
described and granted or mentioned or intended so to  
be with the appurtenances unto the said Appleton, Moore,  
Whitley, Baker, Ewos, Aspril and E N Moore Trustees as afo-  
said and their successors in office against them the  
said Leonard V Aspril and Mary his wife their Heirs  
and against all and every other Person or Persons who-  
soever lawfully claiming or to claim the same  
or any part thereof by through under them or either of  
them shall and will by these presents Warrant and

forever defend In Witness Whereof the said parties of the first part to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals. Dated the day and year first above

written  
Sealed & Delivered }  
in the presence of }  
John Fannier for }

Leonard V Asperil   
Mary Asperil 

Received the day of the date of the within Indenture of the above named John Appleton, James V Moore, John Whitley, Henry P Baker, Thomas T Conns, Leonard V Asperil and Elias N Moore the Trustees mentioned in the foregoing Indenture the sum of one dollar consideration money in full as stated therein

Witness Present }  
John Fannier for }

Leonard V Asperil

State of Delaware  
Newcastle County S. S.



Be it Remembered That on this Fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two personally came before me John Fannier

for Notary Public for the State of Delaware Leonard V Asperil and Mary his wife parties to this Indenture known to me personally to be such and severally acknowledged this Indenture to be their deed; and the said Mary 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 even under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid

John Fannier for Notary Public

Received for Record December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1867

A. P. Shannon, Recorder

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This Indenture made the Eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three Between John Lind of Appoquinimink Hundred Newcastle County and State of Delaware Blacksmith and Rebecca A his wife of the first part, and James V Moore, John Whitley, John Appleton, Thomas T Conns, Leonard V Asperil, Henry P Baker and Elias N Moore Trustees of St Pauls M & Chhurch of the second part. Witnesseth that the said John Lind and Rebecca A his wife of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of fifteen hundred and fifty dollars lawful money of the United States of America, unto them well and lawfully paid by the said Trustees of the second part...

before the Sealing and Delivery of these Presents, the Re-  
 ceipt whereof is thereby acknowledged Have granted  
 bargained sold aliened enfeoffed released conveyed  
 and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain  
 sell alien enfeoff release convey and confirm unto the  
 said Trustees of the second part and their successors in  
 office Heirs and assigns All that Messuage Lot or piece  
 of Land Situate in the Village of Odessa in St Georges  
 Hundred Newcastle County and State of Delaware  
 whereon are erected two Dwelling Houses; and is in part  
 the estate or property sold and conveyed unto James V  
 Moore in fee, by Joshua Ridgeway and wife by deed dated  
 the First day of February 1840 and Recorded in the office  
 for Recording Deeds at Newcastle, in and for Newcastle  
 County in **Book F Vol 5 Page 436** &c the fifth day of Jan-  
 uary 1841, and being part also of the property conveyed  
 unto said James V Moore in fee, by John Cavelier and  
 wife, by deed dated the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 1839 and Record-  
 ed in aforesaid office in **Book 6 Vol 5 Page 478** &c on the  
 first day of October 1839. The Lot hereby intended to be  
 conveyed being bounded as follows Beginning at  
 a corner stone standing on the edge of the State Road  
 leading from the Village of Odessa to St George and  
 at the corner of High Street, and running thence a Sou-  
 theasterly direction along High Street one hundred  
 feet to a stone, at the corner of the lands of the Methodist  
 Episcopal Church, thence in a Southwesterly course  
 with the line of said Church twenty seven feet to a stone  
 corner for said Church and Mordecai Doughtens,  
 thence the same course with Doughtens line forty eight  
 feet to a stone a corner for said Mordecai Doughten and  
 William Woolison, thence a Northwesterly direction  
 with the line of said Woolison, one hundred feet to a  
 stone on the edge of the aforesaid State Road, thence in  
 a Northeasterly direction up and with said Road sev-  
 erity five feet to the place of Beginning containing  
 seven thousand five hundred square feet. Be the same  
 more or less. Being the same premises conveyed to the  
 said John Laid by Levi W Lattimus and wife by deed  
 dated **Twenty Fifth day of December 1852**, and Record-  
 ed in **Book L Vol 5 Page 237** March 1<sup>st</sup> 1853 Together  
 with all and singular the Tenements hereditaments  
 and improvements ways woods waters watercourses  
 rights liberties privileges hereditaments and appur-  
 tenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any  
 wise appertaining and the reversions and remain-  
 ders issues and profits thereof and all the estate  
 right title interest property claim and demand  
 whatsoever of them the said John Laid and Rebecca  
 his wife in law equity or otherwise howsoever of in  
 and to the same and every part and parcel thereof  
 To have and to hold the said Lot of Land with the

Buildings hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned or intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said Trustees and their Successors and Assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Trustees and their Successors and Assigns forever. And the said John Lind and Rebecca A his wife their Heirs Executors and Administrators do by these presents covenant grant and agree to and with the said Trustees and their Successors and Assigns, that they the said John Lind and Rebecca his wife and their Heirs, all and singular the hereditaments and premises herein above described and granted or mentioned or intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said Trustees and their Successors and Assigns against them the said John Lind and Rebecca A his wife their Heirs and against all and every other Person or Persons whosoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof by through or under them or either of them shall and will by these presents warrant and forever defend In Witness Whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals Dated the day and year first above written

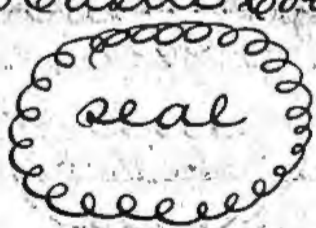
Sealed & Delivered } Us                      John Lind                      Seal  
 in the presence of } Stamp                      Rebecca A. Lind                      Seal  
 John Janvier for                      \$2.00

Received the day of the date of the above Indenture of the above named James C Moore, John Whitty, John Appleton, Thomas T Snow, Leonard V Aspell Henry P Baker and Elias N Moore Trustees of St Pauls M. E. Church, One thousand Five Hundred and fifty Dollars in full for the consideration named in the above Indenture

Witness Present }                                      John Lind  
 John Janvier for }

State of Delaware

Kewdale County S. D. Be it Remembered That on this Fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three personally came before me John Janvier Jr Notary Public for the State of Delaware John Lind and Rebecca A his wife parties to this Indenture known to me personally to be such and severally acknowledged this Indenture to be their deed, and the said Rebecca A Lind being at the same time privately examined by me apart from her husband and 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





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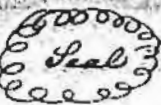
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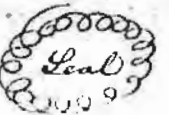
and his heirs, all and singular the hereditaments and premises herebefore described and granted, or mentioned and intended to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said Spencer Williams and his heirs and assigns, against him the said David Henderson and his heirs, and against all and every other Person or Persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, by, from or under him, them or any of them shall and will by these presents Warrant and forever Defend. In witness whereof, The said parties have hereunto set their Hands and Seals. Dated the day and year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered,  
in the presence of us,  
Wm. M. Caulley  
Albert W. Smith

his  
David + Henderson  
mark



his  
Mary Ann + Henderson  
marks



Received the day of the date of the above Indenture, of the above named Spencer Williams, full satisfaction for the consideration money within mentioned.

Witness at signing  
Wm. M. Caulley  
Albert W. Smith

his  
David + Henderson  
marks

State of Delaware

Newcastle County ss: Be it Remembered that on this twentieth day of October A. D. 1853 personally came before me Albert W. Smith a Notary Public for the State of Delaware David Henderson and Mary Ann Henderson his wife, parties to this Indenture, known to me personally to be such, and personally acknowledged this Indenture to be their deed, and at the same time the said Mary Ann Henderson, being privately examined apart from her husband acknowledged that she executed said Indenture voluntarily without compulsion, threats or fear of her husband's displeasure given under my hand and seal of Office at Wilmington, Del. on the day and year aforesaid.

Albert W. Smith Not. Pub.

Recorded for record October twenty sixth A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty three

W. M. Schellier, Recorded.

Will hereby release my son Jonathan Casey from longer service to me. The said Casey to be free to act in all matters for himself.

Edward J. Casey  
mark

Newcastle April 8th 1852

Witness

Recorded for record November twenty eighth A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty three

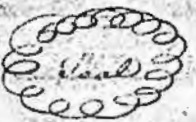
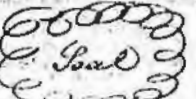
W. M. Schellier, Recorded

Attest Myself Notary Public Made the twenty sixth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty three Before me at the office of the Notary in West County in the State of Delaware Mary Ann Casey his wife of the one part and William Casey of the Village of Kentwell's Bridge in St. George's hundred of the County of Newcastle and State of Delaware of the other part

Witnesseth: That the said Joseph C. Griffith and Henry C. Griffith have  
for and in consideration of the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to them  
hand paid by the said William Ashcraft at and before the making and  
delivery hereof, the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge and  
of acquit and forever discharge the said William Ashcraft his heirs and  
to and administrators by these presents Have granted, conveyed, sold,  
aliened, enfeoffed, released and confirmed and by these presents do grant,  
bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release and confirm unto the said William  
Ashcraft, and to his heirs and assigns All those two certain Messuages  
and lots of ground situate lying and being on the West side of the  
village of Bantwell's Bridge in St. Georges hundred and in the County  
of Newcastle in the State of Delaware, which are bounded and described  
as follows, To wit, For one of the said lots Beginning on said Main  
Street at a corner of the other lot of Joseph C. Griffith, (to wit, commencing  
and running) with the same North forty and a half degrees east one  
hundred and seventy five feet to a corner of lot Number "Five" thence  
with the said lot Number "Five" North forty nine and a half degrees  
West fifty feet to a corner of lot numbered "five" four and a half degrees  
with the said lot number "two" South forty and a half degrees West one  
hundred and seventy five feet to Main Street, thence with said Main  
Street South forty nine and a half degrees east fifty feet to the place  
of beginning) containing eight thousand seven hundred and fifty square  
feet be the same more or less. It being the same messuages and lots  
which Charles Tatman by deed dated the nineteenth day of October A.D.  
one thousand eight hundred and forty two & which is recorded in  
the Records Office at Newcastle in Book O. Vol. 5 p. 163 conveyed to  
the said Joseph C. Griffith. And for the other of the said lots the bounds  
thereof are as follows, To wit, Bounded by the main street, by the lots  
hereinbefore described on the Northwest by a lot late of Samuel Biddle  
now of Joseph A. Lord on the Southeast and on the Northeast by a lot of  
James Stephenson and supposed to contain about one half of an acre be  
the same more or less, subject to the right of dower therein of Catharine  
Spare widow of James Spare deceased. (The said messuages and lot  
last described being the same which Joseph C. Griffith as administra-  
tor of James Spare dec'd by deed poll bearing date the thirtieth day  
of May A.D. eighteen hundred and thirty seven pursuant to the  
order of the Orphan's Court sold and conveyed to Thomas C. Griffith  
subject as aforesaid to the right of Dower of Catharine Spare  
by the said deed poll recorded in the Records Office at Newcastle  
in Book O. Vol. 5 p. 163 and which the said Thomas C. Griffith  
will more fully appear, and which the said Thomas C. Griffith  
by his indentures of the same date with the said deed poll conveyed  
to the said Joseph C. Griffith and by the said deed poll recorded in  
the Records Office at Newcastle in the said Book O. Vol. 5 p. 163  
the same thing had more fully appeared, and which the said Thomas C.  
Griffith by his indentures of the same date with the said deed poll  
conveyed to the said Joseph C. Griffith and by the said deed poll recorded  
in the Records Office at Newcastle in the said Book O. Vol. 5 p. 163

subject to the rights of dower of Catharine Spare in the lot and messuage last described, and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and also all the estate, right, title, interest, property claim and demand whatsoever of them the said Joseph C. Griffith and Mary C. Griffith his wife in law or equity or otherwise howsoever of in to or out of the same To Have and to Hold the said two lots of ground and messuages and premises above described and <sup>herely</sup> granted or mentioned or intended so to be with the appurtenances subject to the right of dower of Catharine Spare as aforesaid, unto the said William Ashcraft his heirs and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof of the said William Ashcraft his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Joseph C. Griffith for himself his heirs executors and administrators doth covenant, promise grant and give to and with the said William Ashcraft his heirs and assigns by these presents that he the said Joseph C. Griffith and his heirs the said above mentioned and described two lots of ground messuages and tenements, hereditaments and premises herely granted or mentioned or intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said William Ashcraft his heirs and assigns against him the said Joseph C. Griffith and Mary C. Griffith his wife and their heirs and against all and every other person and persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim by force or under him them or any of them shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In witness whereof the said Joseph C. Griffith and Mary C. his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first <sup>before</sup> written


Sealed and delivered  
in the presence of  
Leonard W. Spril

Joseph C. Griffith   
Mary C. Griffith 

Received of William Ashcraft on the day of the date of the within Indenture Fifteen hundred dollars in full satisfaction for the consideration money therein mentioned

Witness  
Israel Townsend  
States of Delaware

Joseph C. Griffith

Newcastle County  


Be it Remembered that on this twenty sixth day of September A.D. 1853 personally came before me Israel Townsend a Notary Public for the State of Delaware Joseph C. Griffith and Mary C. Griffith his wife parties to this Indenture known to me personally to be such and severally acknowledged this Indenture to be their deed and the said Mary C. Griffith 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 & seal of office the day and year aforesaid.  
Israel Townsend N. P.

Received for record October twenty first A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty three  
W. D. Scholtes Recorder

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of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, before me Arnold Naudain one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas of said State, personally appeared Benjamin J. Elmer named in the within Instrument of writing and acknowledged the same to be his act and Deed and desired it might be recorded. Witness my hand the day and year aforesaid

Arnold Naudain J.

Received for record September twelfth A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty two  
Recorded March 14th 1833 Attest Matt<sup>o</sup> Jean W<sup>o</sup>

That the Trustees elected and chosen on the twenty fifth day of June in the year of our Lord A. D. Eighteen hundred and thirty two 1832 by a Plurality of Voices of the Society or congregation of the (Methodist Episcopal Church) at Cantwells (Bridge) attached to the Mount Zion Meeting House in the County of Newcastle and State of Delaware the said Society or congregation having been first noticed by advertisement set up ten days before the day above mentioned in public view at or near the place of Meeting mentioned in the said advertisement agreeably to the Act of Assembly Entitling An Act to enable all the Religious denominations in this State to appoint trustees who shall be (A body corporate) for the purpose of taking care of the temporalities of there respective congregations. Do hereby certify, declare and make known that we have and do take upon ourselves the name of the Cantwells Bridge Methodist Episcopal Church in the County and State aforesaid and Request that this our Certificate may be recorded in the Office of Recorder of Deeds of the County and State aforesaid agreeable to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

In Testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this Fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three 1833.

- Samuel Floyd 
- Philip D. Riley 
- Benjamin Fields 
- Nath<sup>l</sup> Beauchamp 
- Joseph C. Griffith 
- Wesell Abrich 
- James N. Moore 

Received for Record March Fifteenth A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty three  
Recorded March 15th 1833 Attest Matt<sup>o</sup> Jean W<sup>o</sup>

This Indenture made this fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three Between Joseph Griffith and Ann his wife of the County of Newcastle and State of Delaware of the one part and Samuel Floyd, Philip D. Riley, Benjamin Fields, Nathaniel Beauchamp, Joseph Griffith, Wesell Abrich and James N. Moore, Trustees, in trust for the uses and purposes herein after mentioned all of the County and State aforesaid of the one part. Witnesseth that the said Joseph Griffith and Ann his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty Dollars lawful

money to Joseph Griffith in hand paid at and upon 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 doth grant bargain sell  
 release confirm and convey unto the said Samuel Floyd, Philip D. Riley, Benjamin  
 Fields, Nathaniel Beauchamp, Joseph Griffith, Mehel Abich and James W. Moore  
 and their successors trustees in trust for the uses and purposes herein after declared  
 all the estate right title interest property claim and demand whatsoever either  
 in law or equity which he the said Joseph G. Griffith and Ann his wife have in  
 or upon all and singular a certain lot or piece of land situate lying and being in the  
 Village of Bartwells (Bridge) in the County and State before named bounded and buttes  
 as follows to wit Beginning on High Street at a corner stone or post being also a  
 corner for Williams Polks lot and running South westerly thirty nine degrees and thirty  
 minutes one hundred and sixty feet thence South fifty degrees thirty minutes  
 East sixty feet thence North thirty nine degrees and thirty minutes East one  
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 High Street North fifty degrees thirty minutes West sixty feet to the place of  
 beginning together with all and singular the houses woods waterways  
 privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise pertaining  
 To have and to hold all and singular the above mentioned and described lot  
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 singular the houses woods waters ~~ways~~ ways and privileges thereto belong-  
 ing or in any wise appertaining unto them the said Samuel (Floyd  
 Philip D. Riley Benjamin Fields Nathaniel Beauchamp Joseph  
 G. Griffith Mehel Abich and James W. Moore and their successors in office  
 forever in trust that they shall erect and build or cause to be erected and  
 built thereon a house or place of worship for the use of the members of the Metho-  
 -dist Episcopal Church in the United States of America according to the rules and  
 discipline which from time to time may be agreed upon and adopted by the  
 General Conference of the Methodist E. Church in America, and in further  
 trust and confidence that they shall at all times for ever hereafter permit such  
 Ministers and Preachers belonging to the said Church as shall from time to time  
 be duly appointed or authorized by the General Conference or by the annual con-  
 ferences authorized by the said General Conference to preach and expound Gods  
 Holy word therein, and in further trust and confidence that as often as  
 any one or more of the Trustees herein before mentioned shall die or cease  
 to be a member or members of the Methodist E. Church according to the rules  
 and discipline as aforesaid then and in such case it shall be the duty of  
 the stationed Minister or preacher authorized as aforesaid who shall have the  
 pastoral charge of the members of the said Church to call a meeting of the  
 remaining Trustees as soon as conveniently may be, and when so met  
 the said Minister or preacher shall proceed to nominate one or more persons  
 to fill the place or places of him or them whose office or offices had or have  
 been vacated as aforesaid. - Provided the person or persons so nominated  
 shall have been one year a member or members of said Church immediately  
 preceeding such nomination and be at least twenty one years of age;  
 and the said Trustees so assembled shall proceed to elect  
 Majority of votes appoint the person or persons so nomina  
 such vacancies or vacancies in order to keep up the

Seven Trustees forever; and in case of an equal number of votes for and against the said nomination the minister or preacher shall have the casting vote Provided nevertheless That if the said Trustees or any of them or their successors have advanced or shall advance any sum or sums of money or are or shall be responsible for any sums of money on account of the said premises and they the said Trustees or their successors be obliged to pay the said sum or sums of money they or a majority of them shall be authorized to raise the said sum or sums of money by a Mortgage on the said premises or by selling the said premises after notice given to the pastor or preacher who has the oversight of the congregation attending divine service on the said premises if the money due be not paid to the said Trustees or their successors within one year after such notice given and if such sale take place the said trustees or their successors in office after paying the debt and other expenses which are due from the money arising from such sale shall deposit the remainder of the money produced by the said sale in the hands of the Steward or Stewards of the Society belonging to or attending divine worship on said premises, which surplus of the produce of such sale so deposited in the hands of said Steward or Stewards shall be at the disposal of the next Quarterly Conference which said Quarterly conference shall dispose of the said money according to the best of their judgment for the use of said society and the said Joseph G. Griffith and Ann his wife doth by these presents warrant and forever defend all and singular the before mentioned and described lot or piece of land, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto them the said Samuel Floyd Philip D. Riley Benjamin Fields Nathaniel Beauchamp Joseph G. Griffith Wessel Ulrich and James N. Moore and their successors chosen and appointed as aforesaid from the claims of them the said Joseph G. Griffith and Ann his wife their heirs or assigns and from the claim or claims of all persons whatsoever. - In Testimony whereof the said Joseph G. Griffith and Ann his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year aforesaid. -

Sealed and Delivered  
 In the presents of us  
 John Jarrvier  
 Benjamin Caulk

Joseph G. Griffith

Ann M. Griffith

Received the day of the date of the above written Indenture the consideration therein mentioned in full.

Witness  
 John Jarrvier

Joseph B. Griffith.

State of Delaware }  
 Newcastle County }  
 We it remembered that on the fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, before the subscribers, two of the Justices of the Peace for Newcastle County aforesaid, Joseph B. Griffith and Ann M. his wife named in this Indenture personally appeared and acknowledged said Indenture to be their act and deed respectively, and desire that it might be recorded, and that on the same day the said Ann M. Griffith wife of the said Joseph B. Griffith being privately examined

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by us apart from her husband acknowledged that she executed the said Indenture willingly without compulsion or threats or fear of her husband's displeasure. Witness our hands the day and year aforesaid.

Benjamin Cault

John Jannies

Received for record March fifteenth A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Recorded March 15<sup>th</sup> 1833

Attest Matt<sup>r</sup>. Kean. Ck.

This Indenture, made this Fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two. BETWEEN Charles Canby of the City of Wilmington in the State of Delaware of the one part and Jacob Peirson of the same City of the other part. Whereas James Harmon and Elizabeth his Wife by Indenture under their hands and seals, bearing date the first day of February A.D. 1825 for the consideration therein mentioned, did grant and confirm unto Charles Canby aforesaid and to his heirs and assigns all that Lot or piece of Land situate in the then Borough of Wilmington bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stake on the West side of Market Street at sixty five feet six inches broad and at the distance of two hundred and eighty feet from the North side of Elizabeth Street at forty nine feet wide, being a corner of a Lot late of Morgan Jones and Joseph Robinson thence with a line thereof parallel with Dickinson at fifty feet wide North fifty eight degrees West one hundred feet to a corner stake in the South east side of a six feet alley, thence North thirty two degrees East and binding with said side of said Alley, parallel with Market Street twenty feet three inches to a stake corner of this and of Dickinson Street, thence thencewith South fifty eight degrees East and binding with said side of said Dickinson Street one hundred feet to a stake corner of Dickinson Street and Market Street thence thencewith South thirty two degrees West twenty feet three inches to the place of Beginning, containing two thousand and twenty five square feet of Land be the same more or less. Together with the free use and privilege of the said Alley of six feet in common with the then present and with all future owners of the several and respective Lots and Parcels of Land situated to the Southwestward of Dickinson Street aforesaid, as in and by the said recited indenture recorded in the Rolls Office at Newcastle in Book O. vol. 4<sup>th</sup> page 183<sup>rd</sup> reference therunto being had, appears. Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Charles Canby for and in consideration of the sum of eleven hundred dollars to him in hand paid by the said Jacob Peirson at and before the sealing and delivering hereof, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged; hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release and confirm unto the said Jacob Peirson and to his heirs and assigns, all that Lot or piece of Land above mentioned and particularly described, be the same more or less. Together with the free use and privilege of the said six feet alley: and Together also with all and singular the Houses, Buildings, Waters, Water courses, ways, paths, passages, fences, improvements, rights, members, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances, whatsoever thenceunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and

Joseph Griffith  
Trustees  
to erect church  
1832

of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, before me Arnold Naudain one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas of said State, personally appeared Benjamin J. Elmer named in the within Instrument of writing and acknowledged the same to be his act and Deed and desired it might be recorded.

Witness my hand the day and year aforesaid

Arnold Naudain J.

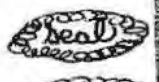
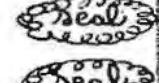
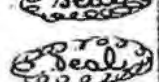
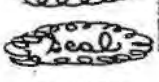
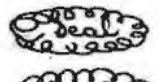
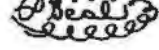
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Recorded March 14<sup>th</sup> 1833.

Attest Matt<sup>r</sup> Kear 70. Ex<sup>o</sup>

We the Trustees elected and chosen on the twenty fifth day of June in the year of our Lord A.D. Eighteen hundred and thirty two 1832. By a Plurality of Voices of the society or congregation of the (Methodist Episcopal Church) at Cantwells (Bridge) attached to the Mount Zion Meeting House in the county of Newcastle and State of Delaware the said Society or congregation having been first noticed by advertisement set up ten days before the day above mentioned in public view at or near the place of Meeting mentioned in the said advertisement agreeably to the Act of Assembly Entitling An Act to enable all the Religious denominations in this State, to appoint trustees who shall be (A body corporate) for the purpose of taking care of the temporalities of their respective congregations. Do hereby certify, declare and make known that we have and do take upon ourselves the name of the Cantwells Bridge Methodist Episcopal Church in the county and State aforesaid and Request that this our certificate may be recorded in the Office of Recorder of Deeds of the county and State aforesaid agreeable to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

In Testimony whereof we have herunto set our hands and seals this Fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three 1833.

- Samuel Floyd 
- Philip D. Riley 
- Benjamin Fields 
- Nath<sup>l</sup> Beauchamp 
- Joseph C. Griffith 
- Wesell Abrich 
- James N. Moore 

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Received for Record March Fifteenth A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Recorded March 15<sup>th</sup> 1833.

Attest Matt<sup>r</sup> Kear 70. Ex<sup>o</sup>

This Indenture made this fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three. Between Joseph Griffith and Ann his wife of the County of Newcastle and State of Delaware of the one part and Samuel Floyd, Philip D. Riley, Benjamin Fields, Nathaniel Beauchamp, Joseph Griffith, Wesell Abrich and James N. Moore, Trustees, in trust for the uses and purposes herein after mentioned all of the county and State aforesaid of the one part. Witnesseth that the said Joseph Griffith and Ann his wife for and in consideration of the sum of thirty Dollars lawful

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James Cranston	D.
Mary Cray	"
Thomas Whitelands of Chas. Co.	"
Saml H. Emery deof	"
Thomas Cartmell	"
John Emery deof	D.
David J. Emery deof	E.
Denice Martin deof	F.
David W. Emery deof	"
and Joseph H. Emery	"
Shubert W. Rhodes	G.
John Keeling deof	H.
John Grider deof	"
Levi Smith deof	"
Cyrus Stear deof	I.
Robert R. Porter deof	L.
Maria W. Johnson deof	N.
Joshua T. Hald deof	O.
Elias S. Baker deof	O
Leamon W. Lippin deof	O
John Lippin deof	O
Election of Trustees	P.
Samuel H. Jones	"
Elizabeth H. Hiller	"
Thomas Judge	R.
Charles Edington	"
John A. Brown deof	"
Spencer E. Emery deof	S.
Philomena Chandler deof	"
Hetty Ann Bellah	"

237	1862
440	1866
87	"
206	"
469	1866
510	1865
478	1866
116	"
310	1865
21	1866
11	1865
274	1866
281	"
188	"
128	1867
56	"
64	"
423	1859
426	1862
427	1863
47	1867
270	"
281	"
168	1868
268	"
467	"
140	"
257	"

~~xxx~~ Delaware residing in said state,  
city and county Helen B Forman wife of Thomas  
M Forman who being privately examined by me  
separate and apart from her husband acknowledged that she executed the foregoing Instrument as  
her and willingly without compulsion or threats or  
fear of her husband's displeasure being under  
my hand and seal of office the day and year  
aforesaid

Edwin F. Covey, Junr  
Commissioner for the State of  
Delaware in New York

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A. P. Shannon, Recorder. *exp*

Pursuant to public notice given according to Law  
(viz by public notice being posted on the church door  
for 10 days calling for a public meeting of the So-  
ciety of St Pauls Methodist Episcopal Church of  
Odesa Del. for the purpose of electing Trustees of  
said Church) said Meeting was held on Thursday  
July 11<sup>th</sup> 1867 at 8 O'clock A.M. On motion Rev Geo. A.  
Phoebus was elected Chairman and Thomas J.  
Enos Secy. President stated the object of the Meet-  
ing to be the Election of a board of Trustees he also  
read the laws of the State of Delaware in regard to  
the Election of said Trustees. When on motion it  
was resolved that the number of Trustees of this  
Church shall be nine. On motion resolved that  
the Election be by ballot, a vote was then taken by bal-  
lot and John Appleton, John Whitley, Thomas J.  
Enos Leonard, C. Asprel, George W. Kaudain, Henry  
McAppleton, William M Vandegrift, Charles Tal-  
man and Richard Eaton were elected they each  
of them having a majority of votes.

On motion adjourned  
Geo A Phoebus Chairman

J. J. Enos. Secretary

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A. P. Shannon, Recorder