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Whereas a public meeting of the eargugation of "The Union american methodist Epiropal Church of Christiana, Delaware; was held at the usual place of worship of the said Con. gregation in the Village of Christians, new Cartle County, and State of Sclaware, at seven thirty o'clock P. M. the Seventy fourth day of October as, one thousand eight hundred and muity-eight, pursuant to a native fasted on the Church door more than ten days frevious to the day of meeting; said meeting having her called for the purpose of electing trustees of "The Union american methodish Episcopal Church of Christiana, Delaware; by sixtue of the fromisions of Chapter og of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, and whereas, at said meeting the fol. lowing named persons were elected Trusters, Jer-emial Waters, John Miller, Lewis H. Waters, Joshua Simmons, Leave Jackson, William Camper Jr. Leave Fernanders, and Whereas, by a unanimous vate of those fuseut at said meeting it was resolved that the name of said Cangregation chauld be "The Union american Methodist Episcopal Church of Christiana, Selaware; Thew Cartle County Zes We, Jeremiah Waters, John miller, Lewis H. Waters, Joshua Simmons, Leange Jackson, William Camper Jr. George Fernanders, mem-bers of the Cangregation of "The Union American methodish Epiceopal Church of Christiana, Delaware" eaid Cangregation consisting of more than fif-teen persons now worshipping at the usual place of worship in the Village of Christiana, having heen duly elected by said Congregation to be Trusters of the same, do according to the fravious of Chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware entitled "Of Religious Societies" take the name of "The Union american (Methodish Episcofal Church of Christiana, Delaware; and certify the same under our hands and reals to be recorded in the office for the Recording of Seeds & in and for new Cartle County and State of Delaware, at Wilmington. In Destimony whereof, we have hereunts set our hands and reals this Swenty fourth day of October ad. one shousand eight hundred and muity eight. John miller Gent William Camphon f. Westamp! George Funanders (400) Received for Record October 25th a.D. 1898. Ch montgomery Recorder

THE CHURCHES OF DELAWARE

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FRANK R. ZEBLEY

Author of "Along the Brandywine"



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

Christiana Presbyterian Church. On May 18, 1708, at a meeting of the Philadelphia Presbytery, a letter was received from the residents of the White Clay Creek section asking that the gospel be administered nearer their place of abode. Letters from the New Castle congregation were read objecting "to disrupting this congregation." The Presbytery ordered that there should be no division but that the Rev. Mr. Wilson should preach in New Castle on one Sunday and in the country on the following Sunday.

Tradition and circumstantial evidence set the period 1730-38 as the time when this church was founded. A plot made on July 28, 1738 showed the church as standing at that time. It was of frame construction and measured 26 ft. by 36 ft. At a later date 20 ft. were added to the western end of the

building.

At the time of the schism in the Presbyterian Church, in 1741, the Christiana Church attached itself to the "new side." This breach was healed in 1758. In the meantime, the "new side" records during that period have been lost.

The church site, of 80 sq. perches, was donated by Rees Jones on Aug.

19, 1752, in the 26th year of the reign of King George, II, of England.

On June 11, 1800, the sexton's pay was set at \$4.00 per year and the prices on digging graves were set at 75 cts, \$1.00 and \$1.50. The church was incorporated on Mar. 13, 1800. In 1802, the front stone wall and a new church roof were built.

On Oct. 14, 1837, one of the church members was reported to the Session as having been seen intoxicated. A committee was appointed to call on him; which they did and he was very repentent and promised not to drink liquor in the future. At a later date, he was reported to have fallen a victim again and he was expelled from the church. When the Moderator checked the Session minutes he disapproved the action of expulsion without written charges and a trial. The former action was rescinded and he was again received into the church. It is to be hoped that his reformation was complete as no further mention of him appears in the minutes.

On Nov. 28, 1856, the project of building a new church was discussed. A building committee was appointed on Dec. 28, 1856. The old frame church

was sold at public auction on Sat., July 4, 1857.

The corner-stone of a new church was laid on Sept. 8, 1857. Those taking part included the Revs. Dr. D. H. Emerson, George Foot, Wm. Aikman, Geo. F. Wiswell and Mr. Gaylord.

The dedication services were held on June 8, 1858. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. J. Jinkins and the dedicatory prayer was offered by the Rev. Geo. Foot. This was followed by a series of meetings during the next two weeks.

The church seal was adopted on June 21, 1860. The first communion service, of pewter, is still used on special occasions.

After extensive renovations, a reopening service was held on Sept. 4, 1921, by the Rev. David A. Reed. Colonel John Read, father of George Read, the Signer, who died on June 15, 1756, and his wife are both buried in the adjoining graveyard. The oldest tombstone that the writer could find is that of Ruth Adams, who died on Dec. 6, 1754.

There are two colored churches at Christiana. R. Trinity A. M. E. Church was founded in 1884, and Union A. M. E. Church was incorporated on May 6, 1854. The present church was built in 1897.

Salem Methodist Church (M.E.) is located three miles s. e. of Christiana. Meetings were held as early as 1771 in the home of Isaac Hersey. Trustees were

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9: A: Broperty Name: 81d Fort Church (W-5276) No. 1 81d Baltimore Pike Christiana; Belaware

B. Location and Verbal Foundary Description:

81d Fort Church is located on the west side of 81d Baltimore Pike between Belaware Route 273 and Brown's Lane. The site is almost directly across from the junction with Bayard Road: The building sits on an L-shaped 0.38 acre parcel that fronts 60 feet on 81d Baltimore Pike and has a maximum depth of 227.4 feet (1982 New Castle County Property Tax Maps; Map Number 9-30.3, Barcel 17):

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8. Owner: Union A. M. E. Church 6/8 Rev. James S. Matthews 32 North Old Baltimore Pike

32 North Old Baltimore Pike Christiana, Belaware 19702

B. Property Description:

Old Fort Church is a one story, gable-roofed brick structure that was constructed in 1897. Its three bay by three bay rectangular, gable front plan rests on a brick foundation with a fill basement below. The exterior waits are laid in six course common bond, while the gables are sheathed with various types of decorative wood shingles painted dark green. The shingles alternate haxagonal, pointed and round butts every three rows. The main decorative feature of the building, however, is the modified lancet-type windows that inluminate the main block. These windows are composed of standard six-oversix sash windows with triangular transoms above. The shutters have been removed from these windows and sometime in the early 1940's stained glass panes were installed in the six-oversix sash. A mitred arch two-over-two sash window pierces the facade gable. The only structural changes in the building have been the addition of a brick, gable—reofed vestibule on the facade and an annex on the rear.

A completely that was created after 1897 is becated to the rear of the Church.

E. Justification of Boundaries:

The boundaries chosen for this building have been set at the property lines of the legal parcel on which it stands. The parcel is bounded by modern residential development on the morth, west, and south, and by a busy road on the east.

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F. Significance:

Old Fort Church is significant because it represents an aspect of the contributions of the black community to the history of white Clay Creek Hundred: Old Fort Church is eligible for the National Register under criteria A and E, as it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction and for its association with events which made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of the local past.

A Union American Methodist Church was built on Schoolseli Road (in Christiana Hundred) near Christiana in 1818, and in 1850 a brick structure replaced the criginal frame one: By the 1880's the church had grown substantially, and since most of the members lived in the Village of Christiana Bridge, a decision was made to move the Church into the Village of old Baltimore Pike near the crest of the Hill. In 1827, the Church was dismantled, the bricks were transported to the new size by horse and wagon where the women washed the bricks and the men reassembled the Church: Since there is no documentary evidence describing the Church before the move, it is not known lie it was reassembled exactly in its original form. In the early nineteenth century the name of the Church was changed from Christiana U. A. M. E. Church to old Fort U. A. M. E. Church. This occurred at a ceremony for the burning of the mortgage at which the congression decided that having suffered and yet with having paid the debt faithfully, as a flock of Jesus Christ they wished to be called old Fort.

For many years old Fort was referred to as a "family church" because most of its members were related to the Neal family by blood or marriage. Five generations of Neals have attended this Church, however, other members have joined during the last five years.

Although the is unclear how much change occurred in the building when the dismanted and moved, the can be safely assumed that the Church followed the same basic one story, gabe front plan that it does in its current rebuilt state. This plan became almost standard for small congregations in the nineteenth century throughout the state. The distinctive feature on old frost that sets it apart from the others, however, is the stylized type of lancet window that was used. White most churches of this period employ either pointed arch sash or elongated sash. Old for the triangular transom lights to give the effect of lancet windows. This treatment not only creates a staiking difference compared to other small scale churches in the area, but also provides a creative solution for achieving a desired style given limited materials.

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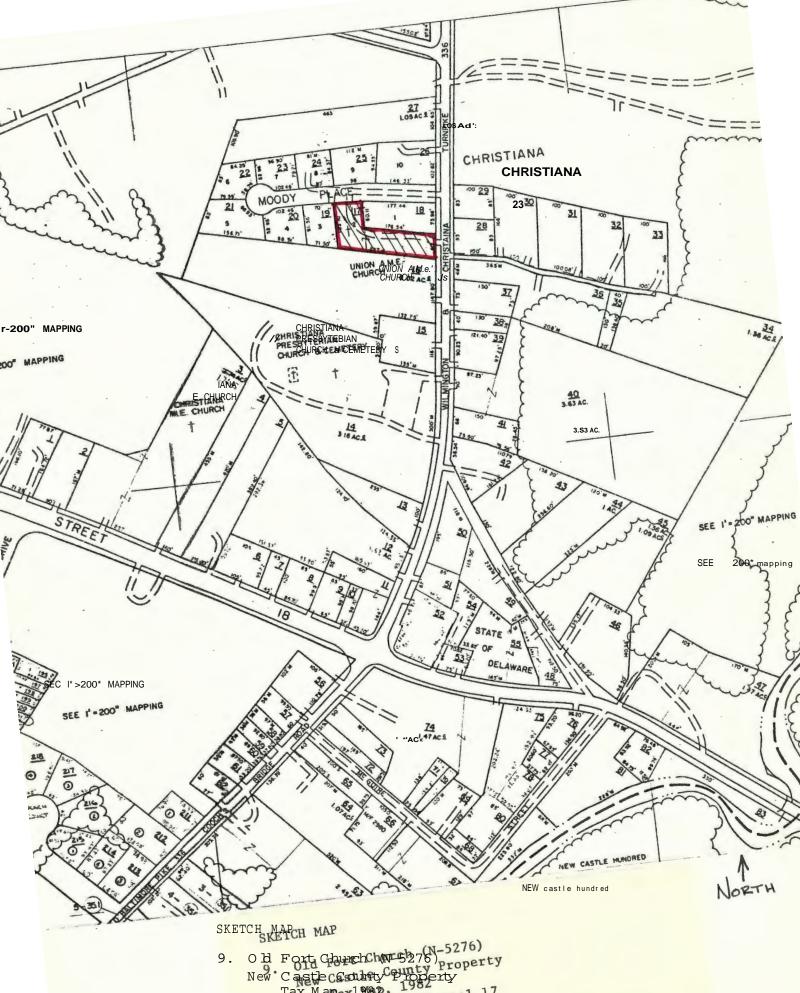
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Level of Significance:

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407. ST. BARINL UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored),1813--, (in Delaware on Highway 2), Iron Hill, Md.

Organized about 1813, open air meetings being held until present church was dedicated the same year. Congregation incorporated September 2, 1867 as the Union American Church of Iron Hill. Church was rebuilt in 1912. It is a one story frame building. First settled clergyman, unknown. See: Daisy Webster, 79th Anniversary, (Philadelphia, Union American M. E. Church, 1892). Minutes, (including all records) 1813--, 6 vols.; in possession of Daisy Webster, Iron Hill, Md. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co, Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. X8, p.134; vol. O31, p. 201.

408. MOUNT PIGGAH UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1820--Summit Bridge.

Organized 1820 as the Union Church of Welsh Tract and incorporated February 25, 1868 as the Union American Church of Welsh Tract. Services were held in a log building until 1887 when the congregation purchased a property near the bridge and erected a frame church. This church was condemned and purchased by the Federal Government for widening the Chesapeake and Delaware canal. The congregation then erected the present building which was completed and dedicated in 1937. One story frame structure with basement. Gothic style windows. Reincorporated under present name December 27, 1933. First settled clergyman, unknown. See: article in Wilmington <u>Journal-Every Evening</u>, March 3, 1937.

Minutes, 1930--, 1 vol.; Register, 1935--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1937--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Alfred E. Miller, Delaware City. Deed and a few miscellaneous papers at Union American Headquarters, 1928 Federal St. Philadelphia. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, <u>Deeds Record;</u> vol. Y4, p. 391; vol.N8, p. 427; vol. Q8, p. 73; vol. K36, p. 699; vol. T39, p. 59.

409. MOUNT SALEM UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored, 1846--, 4th and Baynard Sts., Delaware City.

Organized 1846, under the name of the African Union Church, being an outgrowth of Ezion Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington (entry 348). 1846-76, services held in cabin near Chesapeake and Delaware Canal below Fort duPont. From 1876 to 1931 a small church on Fort duPont ground was occupied. Present building dedicated and present name adopted in 1931, at which time they joined the Union American Conferences. Building is a one story brick structure. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1890--, 4 vols.; in possession of Edward Heal, Washington St. Register, 1856-1909, 4 vols.; Financial, 1877-1931, 4 vols.; Sunday School,1877-1923; in possession of Rt. Rev. P. A. Boulden, 1928 Federal St., Philadelphia. Register. 1900--. 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev, G. H. Murphy, Popetown, Road. Financial, 1931--, 1 vol.; in possession of Herbert Brown, 3rd and Baynard Sts. Sunday School, 1923--, 1 vol.; in possession of Sylvester Clark. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, <u>Deeds Record;</u> vol. Z5, p. 155; vol. H10, p. 299; vol. A21, p. 214; vol. W37, p. 537; vol. Y37, p. 65.

410. UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (OLD FORT) (Colored), 1850--, Stenton Pike, Christiana.

Organized 1850. Incorporated in 1868. Services were held in private homes

until 1857. A one story brick structure was then built about a half mile below Christiana on the road to New Castle. This building was used until 1897 when present building was dedicated. It is a one story brick structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. John L. Hood, 1850-52.

Minutes, 1900--, 1 vol.; Register, 1900--, 1 vol.; financial, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of Ester Neal, Stanton Rd., Christiana. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. F8, p. 386; vol. R17, p. 67; vol. T17, p. 320; vol. P37, p. 526.

411. MOUNT ZION UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1869--, New London Ave., Newark.

Organized and building dedicated in 1869. Incorporated September 12, 1870. The present building was at one time a blacksmith shop. It has been remodeled and additions have been built. It is a one story frame building. First settled clergymen, Rev. Edward Williams, tenure unknown. Minutes, 1928--, 1 vol.; Register, 1928--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1928--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1912--, 4 vols.; in possession of Mrs. Alberta Johnson, 106 New London Ave. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, <u>Deeds Record;</u> vol. D9, p. 471; vol. R9, p. 236; vol. D16, pp. 154 and 155; vol. G17, p. 236; vol. A24, p. 303.

412. ST. PAUL'S UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1887--, 408 E. 11th St., Wilmington.

Organized 1887, meeting in a rented room at Front and Tatnall Sts., and in other rented quarters until 1903, when they moved to the present building, a converted residence. Incorporated November 6, 1902 and reincorporated December 30, 1919. First settled clergyman, Rev. E. P. Sheppard, 1887-89.

Minutes, 1935--, 1 vol.; Register, 1935--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1935--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1931--, 1 vol.; in church office. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office,

Deeds Record; vol. A29, pp. 334 and 337; vol. F20, p. 214; Certificate of Incorporation; vol. R1, p. 553;

413. BOULDEN UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1896--, 821 E. 8th St., Wilmington.

Organized 1896 when present church was opened and dedicated. Remodeled 1930. Plain two story building, stucco finish. First settled clergyman, Rev, P. A. Boulden, 1896-1914. He is now Senior Bishop of the denomination.

Minutes, 1896---, 4 vols.; in possession of Elsie Wilson, 809 W. 8th St. Financial, 1896---, 3 vols.; Sunday School, 1914---, 2 vols.; in possession of Elsie Thomas, 1105 Pine St. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. G37, p. 190; vol. L36, p. 497; vol. B36, p. 71.

414. ST. PAUL'S UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Colored), 1899--, S. Bast St. Smyrna.

Organized 1899, services being held in private homes until present building was opened and dedicated September 9, 1905. Rebuilt in 1919. One story frame structure. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes (including financial and all records); in possession of the church clerk, Emanuel Boyer, Mulberry St.

OLD FORT U.A.M.E. CHURCH

37 NORTH OLD BALTIMORE PIKE NEWARK, DELAWARE 19702



Kistorical Marker & Dedication Ceremony

Sunday, September 28, 2008

Rev. William A. Sims, Jr., Pastor

Order of Ceremony

Welcome L. Acknowledgments

Invocation

History of the Marker Program

History of Christiana

Unveiling of the Historical Marker

Reading of the Historical Marker

Remarks

Benediction



Following the Ceremony, please join us in the Social Hall for light refreshments.

A Brief History of Old Fort U.A.M.E Church

Old Fort Union American Methodist Episcopal Church lies within the boundaries of White Clay Creek Hundred, one of the first areas to be inhabited and developed in New Castle County. The church began as Union American Methodist Church in 1819 near Christiana. By the 1880's, membership had increased significantly and consisted primarily of black residents of the village of Christiana Bridge. Church leaders therefore decided to move the church to its present location to better serve its members. In 1897 the 1850 brick church was dismantled and reassembled on the present site. The extent of alterations to the basic one-story gable-front plan, a common plan for small congregations in the 19th century, during its move is unknown. Shortly after the church was moved, its name was changed to Old Fort, signifying the hardships suffered by the congregation and its ultimate triumph in paying the mortgage for the property.

[White Clay Creek Hundred MRA, CA 8/19/83, 83001402]



Our Church

Our church is not a great cathedral filled with works of art,
With statutes carved of saints and cherubim,
But just a simple edifice that's built to honor God,
And where we meet to praise and worship Him.

We don't have famous preachers clad in crested robes
Who speak of riches and prosperity,
But only humble men of God who tell how Jesus died
To pay for all our sins, and set us free.

We have no lofty stained glass windows drawing praise of men.

Or sounds of mighty organs in our ear, But as we lift our voices and we sing of Jesus' love, We find the help to conquer doubt and fear.

We gather as a family to hear the Word of God,
And we are always blessed because we came.
Our fellowship and sweet communion fit us for the task
Of living to bring honor to His Name.

Our church is just for sinners who are washed in Jesus' blood,
Who try to follow Christ, His works to do,
And every one who has a need is welcome in our midst.
We pray that you will come to know Him too.

- Author Unknown

Previous Pastors of Old Fort U.A.M.E. Church since 1897...

Rev. Charles Nicholas Rev. S. N. Saunders Rev. A., Smith Rev. L. Watson Rev. Charles Lewis Rev. Milton Jackson Rev. Charles Bayard, Rev. C. T. View. Rev. J. H. Murphy Rev. William Guy Rev. William Jervey Rev. David M. Hatmon (Bishop) Rev. S. A. Harrington Rev. C. L. Randolph 1 Rev. W. L. Batipps 1 Rev. Joseph Holley Rev. Jesse Rice Rev. Wade Ellison Rev. Harry Dickerson Rev. J. H. Bowdoin Rev. Purnell Moody Rev. William Harris Rev. Paul Neal Rev. Frank Cephous Rev. James Matthews, Sr. Rev. Kenneth Harrigan Rev. Elwood Fews Rev. William A. Sims, Jr.

^{1.} Pastored Old Fort U.A.M.E. Church twice

Hearers and Doers of God's Word

St. Matthew 16: 17-19

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.



Once again we have received a blessing form the Lord!!! Pastor William A. Sims, Jr. and the Members of Old Fort Union American Methodist Episcopal Church would like to express our heartfelt thanks to ALL who have shared in this special occasion.



terian Church, who resided in this locality. The frame building erected is spoken of in 1760 as an "old church," but may have given greater evidence of age than it possessed, on account of its neglected condition. It was destroyed by fire, and no building was put up in its place, since all those who formerly attended had removed or connected themselves with the church at Glasgow. But the grave-yard in which the church stood has been preserved to the present time. In it are interred members of the Bryan family (one stone bearing date 1738), the Aiken, Stewart, Ferris, Rhodes and Couper families. The latter's representatives keep the old cemetery in good condition, but it is now seldom used.

The Bethel Baptist Church was also begun as an outstation to another church, sustaining that relation to the Welsh Tract Baptist Church, which was nine miles west from the site of this meeting-house. Public services in this section were first held by a Mr. Boggs at the house of David Morton, sometime before 1786. On one of these occasions the congregation, being too large for the building, was dispersed by a storm, which led Alexander Porter and John Lewden, two of the prominent citizens of the hundred, who were present, to conceive the idea of building a house of worship in that neighborhood which would accommodate all who might attend. Half an acre of land was secured from Ebenezer and Andrew Morton, the deed bearing date February 8, 1788; but the building may have been begun a short time earlier. The struc. ture was thirty-eight by thirty-two feet, and was in use until the house was abandoned. The congregation worshipping in it became an independent organization in 1839, sixteen persons entering into membership. The church became connected with the Delaware Association, from whose minutes it disappears in 1871, and it soon after became extinct.

The Lebanon M. E. Church.—In 1819, Mrs. William Silver set aside one acre of land near the hamlet of Red Lion, upon which was built that year a Methodist Church with the above name. It was a plain structure of brick, thirty by forty feet, and had a gallery at the end for colored people. This house was used until 1853, when the present edifice at Red Lion took its place, the old church lot being used for burial purposes only. The new church was erected through the efforts of O. D. Jester, John L. Deputy Mahlon Foster, Richard Graves, Obadiah Clark, Dr. Roderick Sullivan and others.

It is a two-story brick, forty by sixty feet, and is valued at five thousand dollars. Repairs in 1886 have given the church a modern appearance. In 1887 the property was in charge of Trustees Peter Cleaver, Ephraim Sterling, John Hastings, John M. Collins, William F. Silver and H. M. Silver.

The church has a membership of sixty-five, and the Rev. William A. Wise was the pastor since 1886. His predecessors, since being set off to Glasgow as an independent charge, have been the Revs. L. C. Andrews, Julius Dodd and William R Sears. Prior

to 1880 the ministerial service was in connection with other churches in the southern part of the county.

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CHAPTER XLIII.

THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE.

A PERIOD of nearly fifty years elapsed from the time Hendrick Hudson discovered the Delaware Bay and River, in 1609, before a town was regularly built. At various times prior to 1655 small military posts were established on the banks of the Delaware, around which clustered a few habitations. The settlement at Fort Christina began to assume a regular form, when it was almost destroyed at the time of its capture, September 25, 1655. The Dutch soon after rebuilt it more systematically. Under the Swedes this settlement was called Christinaham, but under the Dutch settlement to April 25, 1657, it became known as Fort Altena, and was known by this title until its abandonment, which was soon after the territory passed into the hands of the English, in 1664.

Early explorers were quick to recognize the advantages of this locality as the site for a town, and took measures to obtain possession of the same. On July 19, 1651, Governor Petrus Stuyvesant purchased from the Indians, in the name of the West India Company, all the land lying between the Minquas Creek (now Christiana Creek) and Bomties Hoeck (now Bombay Hook), or to the mouth of Duck Creek. About one Dutch mile, or four English miles, below the mouth of Minquas Creek was a promontory of fast land, jutting out into the Delaware. This point, known as Sand Hoeck, and commanding an extensive view up and down the Delaware, was used by Governor Stuyvesant as a site for Fort Casimir, all traces of which have since been washed away. The fort is believed to have been between Harmony and Chestnut Streets, below Front, in the present town of New Castle.

The erection of this fort so near the Swedish settlement created dissatisfaction, which culminated in the conquest of the Swedes, September 16, 1655, when all this territory passed into the possession of the Dutch. When the fort capitulated, thirty Swedes took the

Christiana Presbyterian Church. On May 18, 1708, at a meeting of Philadelphia Presbytery, a letter was received from the residents of the White Clay Creek section asking that the gospel be administered nearer their place of abode. Letters from the New Castle congregation were read objecting disrupting this congregation." The Presbytery ordered that there should no division but that the Rev. Mr. Wilson should preach in New Castle on Sunday and in the country on the following Sunday.

Tradition and circumstantial evidence set the period 1730-38 as the time when this church was founded. A plot made on July 28, 1738 showed thurch as standing at that time. It was of frame construction and measure 26 ft. by 36 ft. At a later date 20 ft. were added to the western end of

building.

At the time of the schism in the Presbyterian Church, in 1741, the Chritiana Church attached itself to the "new side." This breach was healed in 175. In the meantime, the "new side" records during that period have been lost.

The church site, of 80 sq. perches, was donated by Rees Jones on Aug. 19, 1752, in the 26th year of the reign of King George, II, of England.

On June 11, 1800, the sexton's pay was set at \$4.00 per year and the prior on digging graves were set at 75 cts, \$1.00 and \$1.50. The church was incorporated on Mar. 13, 1800. In 1802, the front stone wall and a new church were built

On Oct. 14, 1837, one of the church members was reported to the Sessical as having been seen intoxicated. A committee was appointed to call on his which they did and he was very repentent and promised not to drink liquin the future. At a later date, he was reported to have fallen a victim a land he was expelled from the church. When the Moderator checked the Session minutes he disapproved the action of expulsion without written charges and a trial. The former action was rescinded and he was again ceived into the church. It is to be hoped that his reformation was complete no further mention of him appears in the minutes.

On Nov. 28, 1856, the project of building a new church was discussed A building committee was appointed on Dec. 28, 1856. The old frame church

was sold at public auction on Sat., July 4, 1857.

The corner-stone of a new church was laid on Sept. 8, 1857. Those taken part included the Revs. Dr. D. H. Emerson, George Foot, Wm. Aikman, G.

F. Wiswell and Mr. Gaylord.

The dedication services were held on June 8, 1858. The sermon delivered by the Rev. J. Jinkins and the dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Geo. Foot. This was followed by a series of meetings during the two weeks.

The church seal was adopted on June 21, 1860. The first communa

service, of pewter, is still used on special occasions.

After extensive renovations, a reopening service was held on Sept. 4, 1925 by the Rev. David A. Reed. Colonel John Read, father of George Read, Signer, who died on June 15, 1756, and his wife are both buried in the joining graveyard. The oldest tombstone that the writer could find is that Ruth Adams, who died on Dec. 6, 1754.

There are two colored churches at Christiana. R. Trinity A. M. E. Church was founded in 1884, and Union A. M. E. Church was incorporated on May 1854. The present church was built in 1897.

Salem Methodist Church (M.E.) is located three miles s. e. of Christian

ected on May 12, 1807. The first meeting of the board of trustees was Oct. 10, 1807. On Oct. 15, 1807, Robert McFarlin, at a cost of \$2 eded a plot of land to the trustees of Salem Methodist Meeting-House which the first church was built. The church was incorporated on Oct. 16, was dedicated in 1809. The building was repaired in 1848 and 1885 the church was rebuilt.

There is a well-kept graveyard beside the church. The oldest legible t

nken grave marker.

St. Thomas' P. E. Church at Newark was organized on Aug. 1, corner-stone of the present church was laid on Aug. 24, 1843, and i dicated on Feb. 25, 1845, by Bishop Alfred Lee, at 11:00 a. m. He was by the Revs. W. E. Franklin, J. W. McCullough and five other cl. A rectory was purchased in 1852-53. The tower was erected in 1862-653.

A window in memory of Thomas and Frances P. S. Blandy was unv Mar. 30, 1890. During that year a parish-house was built. The rectory ressed with a service of benediction by Bishop Leighton Coleman on Dec In 1901-02, the chancel was improved and a brass altar desk was inst

memorials.

In 1911, extensive alterations were made to the church including a cremoval of part of the gallery and new windows. A special service cored church was conducted by Bishop Frederick J. Kinsman on Easter Apr. 16, 1911. A window in memory of Frederic A. Curtis was also In 1916-17 a new organ was purchased.

On Christmas Eve, 1943, memorials were dedicated in honor of mage A. Harter, former President of the University of Delaware, as we work Warden of St. Thomas' Church for 24 years and in honor of

bers of the parish in the armed services.

The Church of St. John, the Baptist (R.C.) at Newark. The first Robolic service was held in Newark by Father Sarentine in 1850. Later, and Elkton were served from Havre de Grace. In 1866, the Rev. Lee, pastor of the church at Elkton, was assigned as pastor of the missionark, celebrating Mass once a month in the homes of parishioners. In the trip to Newark, on Sunday morning, on a P. R. R. Co., I which was furnished by the Company. On other Sundays some of the same would walk to Elkton to attend services. Later, they too, were a use of a hand-car to make the trip.

On July 31, 1868, Charles A. Murphey purchased, from the trustees of Presbyterian Church, the old Village Presbyterian Church and site, a per of Main and Chapel Sts. The church was of frame construction and comprised about one-half of an acre of land. The purchase price

230 00.

Mr. Murphey donated the property to the Diocese to be used as a Church. It was neatly furnished and was dedicated by the Most O'Hara of Scranton, Pa. The name "St. Patrick" was chosen for Mr. Murphey transferred the title to the property on May 12, 1 the nominal sum of \$1.00.

In 1876, the frame rectory on Chapel St., adjoining the church was the Rev. Wm. Dollard, who served the parish from 1876 to 1879. The Donaghy then served for a few months. From 1880 to 1886, the p

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During the pastorship of Reverend Stephen Frisby, the congregation decided they would like to have the church located in the town of Christiana. One of the members, Lou Taylor, donated the ground. In order to preserve the works of their forefathers, the men removed the bricks by hand from its original site, the ladies washed them, and they were transported to the new church site by horse and wagon. While tearing down the church, a historical artifact was found in a box located in the west corner of the church foundation. The box contained a Bible, Discipline and a hymn book. Inside the Bible on a piece of paper was written, "The builder of this house was a colored man Richard Green, his wife Jimminer, two sons and a daughter." The paper was dated September 17th, A.D. 1850.

Because of dedicated men of the church such as Richard Green, the men who tore down the old church, and the faithful women who washed each brick, we the members of Old Fort will celebrate our 189th Anniversary behind the same bricks as our forefathers. After many, many hours of hard work and sacrifice, the congregation moved into the new church under the same name. The ministers in charge from 1856 until the tearing down of the old church were: the Reverends William Williams, Thomas M. Blackson, Asbury Smith, Isaac Williams, B. T. Ruley, Henry Mode, Henry R Edmonds, L.A. Purnell, John L. Hood and Charles H. Nicholas. Many years passed and finally the mortgage was paid during the pastorship of Reverend Charles Lewis. A mortgage burning service was held as the mortgage was placed on a large silver cake plate and burned. The name Christiana Union American Methodist Church was changed to Old Fort Union

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American Methodist Episcopal Church. Reverend Lewis insisted the church be named Old Fort because despite the financial hardship the members of the church were suffering, they worked faithfully to pay off the debt. Reverend Lewis considered his flock as soldiers for Jesus Christ and wanted the church to be named Old Fort

Only the annex on the back and the vestibule that was added to the front have changed the appearance of the church's exterior. The four outside walls of the main auditorium remain the same. With each new generation there have been additions and changes. Some parts of the interior of the building have been removed and replaced to meet the present day need.

The first vestibule that extended across the back was removed and the pulpit was extended in the front so the church could have a choir loft. Later a dining room was built onto the back of the church.

During the year of 1955, it was discovered that termites had destroyed the church flooring. It was at this point that Trustees and congregation decided to dig a basement under the church. The men of the church, and a few friends did the work. Upon completion, the basement was decorated to serve as a dining room, and the annex was converted to a Pastor's Study, choir room and rest rooms. Reverend Frank Cephous had a dream while pastoring at Old Fort to build a multipurpose room on the back of the church. He entered into rest before his dream was completed. The next pastor, Reverend James Matthews Sr. and the congregation of Old Fort carried out Reverend Cephous' dream, and built the multipurpose room on the back of the church.

For a number of years Old Fort was called a family church because most of its members were part of the Neal family by blood or marriage. Over six generations have joined arms to lift up Christ in Old Fort. Now we have members of other families joining us which means that with the help of God, someday we will rebuild a membership like that of our forefathers. The following ministers have pastored the Christiana U.A.M.E. Church and Old Fort U.A.M.E. Church since 1897:

The Reverends Charles Nicholas, S. N. Saunders, A. Smith L. Watson, Charles Lewis, Milton Jackson, Charles Bayard, C. T. View, J. H. Murphy, William Guy, William Jervey, David M. Harmon (deceased Bishop Harmon), S. A. Harrington, C. L Randolph W. L. Batipps, Joseph Holley, Jesse Rice, Wade Ellison, Harry Dickerson, J. H. Bowdoin, Purnell Moody, William Harris, Paul Neal, Frank Cephous, James Matthews Sr., Kenneth Harrigan, Elwood Fews and our present Pastor, Reverend William A. Sims, Jr.

Reverend W. L Batipps and Clarence Randolph each pastored at Old Fort twice. Brethren who have left Old Fort to pastor in the Union American Methodist Episcopal Conference are: The Reverends Paul Neal, Delmus Neal George White, the late

Reverends William Harris, Alfred Moody, Purnell Moody, John Harris, and the Reverend Diane Cooper who has served at Bethany, New Castle as a Quarterly Conference Assignee. Old Fort is now blessed to have Reverend Barbara Young as our Quarterly Conference Assignee, joined by our Evangelist Shirley Cale.

Now as you enter Old Fort, you will find it surrounded with two paved parking lots, a picnic area and flower beds. Many of the faithful members who supported and upheld the name of Old Fort have died and entered into rest. Others are putting on the armor to replace those who have passed on.

History compiled and re-written by: Lavenia Neal Cole, - August 1994-Revised By Pastor William A. Sims, Jr. - March 28, 2008

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I have strongth and Capacity so to do. domake and publish this my last will and testament hereby Revoking and making void all wills by me at any time heretofore made: and first and prince pally of commit my soul into the hands of my Creator who gave it and my body to the laist to be interior at the discrettion of my executoria herein after mentioned and as to such wordly estate wherewith it hath pleased god to entrust me I dispose of the same no follows viz: after my debts and funeral expences are paid - I will, devise and bequeath to my two Sons Soriah Lewden & John Lewden my Plantation Mear Christiana Bridge; which I wheret by the will of my Grandfather Sorial Lewden ded by En-- lailment and called in the said will, the Tisting place and also all other hands acquired by me, or my father John Lewden, and which I possels. from by & through him - and I now attached to and making frank of the said plantation Called the Ferhang place to be divided equally between the Jaia Soriah & Sohn Lewdon, that is to day as regards the Value of the said Clantation. Houses out houses and Tenements to be holden and profesofie by my said two Jons. K their Heirs in see Simple - and of do hereby though nd make payable out of the againsaid and Subject a. Land a comfortable maintonance for my beloved

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