

mites-four personally came before me James
 Monaghan a Notary Public in
 the State of Delaware Lydia A
 Colchen and Peter Colchen her
 husband parties to this Inden-
 ture, known to me personally
 to be such, and they severally
 acknowledged this Indenture
 to be their deed. And the said
 Lydia A. Colchen being at the same time privately
 examined by me, apart from her said husband
 acknowledged that she executed the said In-
 denture, withing, without compulsion or threat
 or fear of her husband's displeasure. Given under
 my hand and seal of office the day and
 year above said at Wilmington Delaware.

James Monaghan
 Notary Public
 Received for Record August 8th A.D. 1894
 C. B. Mountbainy
 Recorder

This Indenture made the seventh day of
 August in the year of our Lord one thou-
 sand eight hundred and ninety-four (1894)
 between Right Reverend Alfred A. Lister, of the
 City of Wilmington County of New Castle and
 State of Delaware party of the first part and
 "St. Johns Church, Hockessin" a corporation of
 the State of Delaware party of the second part
 Witnesseth that the said party of the first part
 for and in consideration of the sum of
 Four hundred Dollars current lawful money
 of the United States of America unto him well
 and truly paid by the said party of the second
 part at and before the making and delivery
 of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby
 acknowledged both granted bargained sold
 aliened excepted released conveyed and con-
 firmed and by these presents he grant bargained
 sell alien excepted release convey and confirm
 unto the said party of the second part its
 successors and assigns All those certain lots
 or pieces of land situate in Hockessin Mill
 Creek Hundred County of New Castle and State
 of Delaware bounded and described as follows
 to wit: No. 1. Beginning at a corner stake of the
 Church lot heretofore conveyed to Thomas A.
 Becker in or near the middle of the valley

road. thence by said lot South thirty-eight
and three quarters degrees West four hundred
and thirty-nine and five tenths feet to a corner
stake in the run in a line of lands of John
Mitchell thence by said Mitchell's land up
said run North thirty-three degrees and fifty
minutes East fifty one and two tenths feet to
a new corner stake on the margin of said run
thence by a new line dividing the herein granted
lot from a lot about to be conveyed to Peter
Cornell Jr. South thirty-eight and three quarters
degrees East four hundred and fifty six and
five tenths feet to the iron stake division in or
near the middle of the valley road a distance
thence along said road South fifty-two degrees
West forty-eight and one quarter inch hundredths
feet to the place of beginning containing one
half of an acre of land in the same more or
less. No. 2 beginning at a corner stake in the mid-
dle of the Valley Road marking the corner of
a lot recently conveyed to Thomas Williamson
thence by said Williamson's lot North thirty-
eight and three quarters degrees West four hun-
dred and five and one half feet to a corner
stake in a run in a line of lands of John
Mitchell one hundred and fifty five and one
half feet from an old corner stone adjoining
lands now of Samuel Earnett thence along
said Mitchell's line North thirty-three degrees
fifty-three minutes East one hundred and
eight and one tenth feet up said run to a
new corner stake on the Easterly margin thereof
thence by a new line dividing the herein granted
lot from other lands of the said C. Franklin
McVaugh South thirty-eight and three quarters
degrees East four hundred and thirty nine
and one half feet to a stake in the Brook-
earr Valley Road aforesaid. thence along the
middle thereof South fifty-two degrees West
one hundred and three and one tenth feet
to the place of beginning containing one acre
of land near measure. Be the same more or
less. Being the same lands and premises which
were conveyed by C. Franklin McVaugh and wife
to the Right Reverend Thomas A. Becker by two
certain indentures to-wit, one made and ex-
ecuted the 19th day of March A.D. 1883 and recorded
in the office for recording Deeds at Williams-
port aforesaid in deed Record Book 12 page
264 &c. the other made and executed on May

20th 22. 1783 and recorded as aforesaid in a and record
 Book 2 page 233rd The said premises having been
 afterwards conveyed by the Right Reverend Thomas A
 Becker to Right Reverend Alfred H. Curtis party hereto
 who refuses thereto will fully appear. Together with
 all and singular the improvements way roads
 water water courses rights liberties privileges her-
 editaments and appurtenances whatsoever thence
 belonging or in any wise appertaining and the
 revenues and demands rents rates and pro-
 fits thereof and all the estate right title interest
 property claim and demand whatsoever of him
 the said party of the first part 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 lots pieces or parcels of land with the
 hereditaments and premises therein granted or
 mentioned or intended as to be with the
 appurtenances, unto the said party of the second
 part its successors and assigns to and for the
 only proper use and behoof of the said party
 of the second part its successors and assigns
 forever. And the said party of the first part
 for himself, his heirs executors, administrators
 both by these presents covenant grant and
 agree to and with the said party of the
 second part its successors and assigns
 that he the said party of the first part
 his heirs all and singular the hereditaments
 and premises herein above described and
 granted or mentioned or intended estate
 with the appurtenances unto the said party
 of the second part its successors and assigns
 against him the said party of the first part
 his heirs and against all and every other
 person or persons whomsoever lawfully
 claiming or to claim the same or any part
 thereof through by from or under him them
 or any of them shall and will by these
 presents covenant and forever defend. In
 Witness Whereof, the said party of the first
 part hath hereunto set his hand and seal
 dated the day and year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered
 In the presence of Alfred H. Curtis
 David T. Bradford
 State of Delaware
 New Castle County
 On this twentieth day of August in the year
 of our Lord one thousand eight hundred

and which four personally came before me
 David Taylor Bradfoot, Notary
 Notary Public for the State of Del.
 for the State of Delaware
 Delaware Unbound
 May 4th 1863 Term
 Office 7 years
 my hand and seal of office the day and year
 aforesaid.

David T. Bradford
 Notary Public
 Received August 7th A.D. 1864
 C. C. Montgomery
 Recorder

This Indenture made the fourth day of August
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-
 dred and sixty four (1864) between William H. C.
 Myers of Claymont Delaware and Mary E. Myers
 his wife of the first part and Isaac Wistar
 of the City of Philadelphia of the second part
 Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part
 in and in consideration of the sum of two hun-
 dred and fifty Dollars (\$250.00) lawful money of
 the United States of America well and truly paid
 by the said party of the second part to the said
 parties of the first part, at and before the making
 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 party of the second part his heirs
 and assigns **All** that piece or parcel of land
 situate in Brandywine Hundred New Castle County
 and State of Delaware bounded and contained
 by a line beginning at a point in the centre line
 of the Philadelphia Wilmington and Baltimore
 railroad as or over the centre of an arched
 stone culvert constructed under, and diagonally
 across the said railroad line about one mile
 more or less below Claymont Station. Thence
 running along the centre of the crooked inlet
 or ditch extending from said culvert in a
 general southerly direction to the discharge
 of said inlet into the river near the edge
 of the fact land and thence prolonged South

a Notary Public for the state of Delaware Francis H. Diehl and Lizzie G. his wife and John C. Diehl and Galena 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 Lizzie G. Diehl and Galena Diehl being at the same time privately examined by me apart from their husbands acknowledged that they executed the said Indenture willingly without compulsion or threats or fear of their husbands' displeasure Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

Julian D. Janvier

Notary Public

Received for Record August 1st A.D. 1894

C. C. Montgomery

Recorder.

Certificate of Incorporation

whereas there is a congregation of the denomination of Christians known as the Roman Catholic Church at Hockessin in the County of New Castle State of Delaware, in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, Now therefore know all men by these Presents, that we Alfred A. Curtis Ordinary of the said Diocese, Francis Farley Pastor for the time being of the said Congregation John A. Lyons duly designated Trustee by the said Ordinary on Sunday the Seventh day of January A.D. 1894 and P. J. Baldwin and Timothy F. Hyde two male pew-holders of the said Congregation duly elected Trustees at a regular annual election held by the male pew-holders of the said Congregation on Sunday the Seventh day of January A.D. 1894 desiring to be constituted a body politic and corporate under the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware being Chapter 599 vol. 19 of the Laws of Delaware and to enjoy all and singular the privileges and franchises therein conferred do hereby certify that we have assumed the name and title of St. John's Church, Hockessin and by that title desire to be incorporated in accordance with the provisions of the said Act. In Witness Whereof, we have to this Certificate of Incorporation set our hands and seals this Twentieth day of January A.D. 1894

A. A. Curtis (seal) ordinary

John A. Lyons (seal)

Francis Farley (seal) Pastor.

P. J. Baldwin (seal)

Timothy F. Hyde (seal)

State of Delaware
New Castle County

James Monaghan
Notary Public
Wilmington Del.
State of Delaware
Appointed Nov. 26.
1887. for seven years

Be it Remembered that on
this Twenty sixth day of January
A.D. 1894. before me James
Monaghan a Notary Public
for the state of Delaware per-
sonally came A. A. Curtis John
A. Lyons Francis Farley P. J.
Baldwin & Timothy F. Hyde
parties to this Instrument of
writing known to me personally
to be such and severally acknowledged said Instrument
of writing to be their deed. Given under my hand and
seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

James Monaghan
Notary Public
Received for Record August 10th A.D. 1894
C. C. Montgomery
Recorder

This Indenture, made the Twenty first day of July in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
ninety four. (1894) Between Richard Barrett of the City
of Philadelphia, Clerk party of the first part and Edward
H. Brennan of the City of Wilmington in the State of Dela-
ware Dry Goods Merchant and William Gorman of
the City of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania Attorney
at Law of the second part. Witnesseth that the said
Richard Barrett for and in consideration of the sum of
Fifteen thousand Dollars lawful money of the United
States of America unto him well and truly paid by the
said party of the second part at and before the sealing
and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby
acknowledged hath granted bargained sold aliened
enjoyed released and confirmed and by these pre-
sents doth grant bargain sell alien ^{the land and each of their heirs} enjoy release
and confirm unto the said Edward H. Brennan and William Gorman and
assigns ~~ALL~~ that certain tract of land situate in Bran-
dywine Hundred, New Castle County and State of Dela-
ware bounded and described as follows to wit) Begin-
ning at a stake in the North west side of the Phila-
delphia Turnpike Road, thence along the North west
side of said road North sixty six and one quarter de-
grees East sixty and seven tenths perches to a post,
thence by land of Naylor North forty eight
degrees west seventy four and five tenths perches to
a point, thence by ~~some~~ ^{and six tenths} North forty nine and one
quarter degree East ~~Ninety~~ perches to a point, thence
by land of Stephen North forty four and three
quarter degrees west eighty seven and nine tenths perches

Correction made after comparison with
the original deed. May 19th 1925.
Albert S. Stebbins, Recorder.

personally came before me Ralston Cameron a Notary Public for the State of Delaware William H. Blair and Emma C. Blair 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 Emma C. Blair being at the same time privately examined by me apart from her husband, acknowledged that she executed the said Indenture willingly without compulsion or threats or fear of her husband's displeasure. Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

Ralston Cameron.

Notary Public.

Received for Record June 8th A.D. 1910

W. H. Billany,

Recorder.

This Indenture made the Eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten. Between James L. McSwaney of Hockessin New Castle County and State of Delaware. Party of the first part. And Saint John's Church of Hockessin, a corporation of the State of Delaware. party of the second part. Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Thirteen hundred Dollars (\$1300.00) current lawful money of the United States of America, unto him well and truly paid by the said party of the second part: at and before the sealing and Deliving of these Presents. The Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged. Has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part their heirs and assigns.

All that lot of land situated in the village of Hockessin, Mill creek hundred, New Castle County and State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a corner stake in the middle of the Hockessin valley road adjoining a lot of Alexander Guthrie, thence by said Guthrie lot north thirty-eight and three quarters degrees west two hundred and eighty nine and one-half feet to an old corner line stone of said lot and now of land of Samuel Garrett. Thence

by said Goretts land. South eighty-five
 and three quarter degrees west. One hundred
 and direction and one-half feet to an old
 stone on the westerly side of a run, by a
 line of land of John Mitchell, thence up
 said run by a line of lands of the said
 John Mitchell, north thirty-three degrees and
 fifty-three minutes East. One hundred and
 fifty five and five tenths feet to a new
 corner in said run thence by a new line
 dividing the herein granted lot from the
 land of Saint John Church, South thirty
 eight and three quarter degrees west. four
 hundred and five and one-half feet
 to the middle of the Hockessin Road,
 aforesaid, thence South fifty-two degrees
 East along the middle of said road, fifty
 feet to the place of Beginning, containing
 one-half an acre and twelve and six
 tenths square perches of land be the same
 more or less, it being the same lot of land
 and premises that Thomas Williamson and
 Sybilla M. Williamson, his wife, she in her
 own right by Indenture dated the twentieth
 day of April A.D. 1910 and Recorded in the
 Office for the Recording of Deeds &c. at
 Wilmington for said New Castle County in
 Deed Record S. vol 22, page 486 &c. did grant
 and confirm unto the said James L. McSweeney
 party hereto in fee, Together with all and
 singular the Buildings, Improvements, ways,
 woods, waters, water-courses, rights, liberties,
 privileges, hereditaments, and appurtenances
 whatsoever therunto belonging, or in anywise
 appertaining, and the Reversions and
 Remainders, Rents Issues and Profits thereof,
 and all the estate right, title, interest, property,
 claim and demands whatsoever of the said
 party of the first part 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,
 hereditaments and premises, hereby granted or
 mentioned or intended so to be, with the
 appurtenances unto the said party of the
 second part, their heirs and assigns, to and
 for the only proper use and behoof of the
 said party party of the second part their
 heirs and assigns forever.
 And the said party of the first part, for
 himself, his heirs, Executors and Administrators,

does by these presents covenant grant and agree to and with the said party of the second part their heirs and assigns. That he the said party of the first part his 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 party of the second part their heirs and assigns against him the said party of the first part his heirs and against all and every other Person or Persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof shall and will by these Presents warrant and forever Defend. In witness whereof the said party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal. Dated the day and year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of } James L. McSweeney
Albert J. Williamson }

State of Delaware }
New Castle County }^{SS}

Albert J. Williamson
Notary Public
Appointed Feb. 25. 1906.
Term Four years.

Best Remembered that on this 8th day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and ten personally came before me Albert J. Williamson a Notary Public of the State of Delaware, James L. McSweeney 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.

Albert J. Williamson
Notary Public.
Received for Record June 9th A.D. 1910
H. H. Billany.
Recorder.

This Indenture made the third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten. Between Philip Chandler of the village of Hockessin. County of New Castle and State of Delaware. party of the first part. and Charles H. Smith of the village Covington and state aforesaid. party of the second part. Witnesseth that the said

PARENTUM:

NOMEN PATRINORUM:

NOMEN
MINISTRI:

ADNOTATIONES.

Matris.

Patrini.

Matrinae.

Baptismal Register
of

St. John's + St. Patrick's Churches
Hockessin + Ashland.

James Francis Farley
Pastor

| Numerus Currens. | NOMEN INFANTIS. | TEMPUS NATIVITATIS : | | | TEMPUS BAPTISMI : | | | RESIDENTIA : | NOMEN Patris. |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------|----------------------|---------|--------|--------------|--------------------|
| | | Dies. | Mensis. | Annus. | Dies. | Mensis. | Annus. | | |
| | | 1. | Cornelius Lyons | 19 | June | 1887 | 26 | | June |
| 2. | Mary L. Jordan | | | 1866 | 10 | July | 1887 | Ashland | William Jordan |
| 3. | Daniel Connell | 19 | July | 1887 | 24 | July | 1887 | Hockessin | Patrick Connell |
| 4. | Michael Gallagher | 26 | July | 1887 | 31 | July | 1887 | Ashland | Patrick Gallagher |
| 5. | Richard M. Grown | 5 | June | 1887 | 11 | Aug. | 1887 | Hockessin | Daniel M. Grown |
| 6. | Joseph McCarthy | 3 | Sept. | 1887 | 18 | Sept. | 1887 | Hockessin | Edward C. McCarthy |
| 7. | William Connell | 18 | Sept. | 1887 | 25 | Sept. | 1887 | Hockessin | John O. Connell |
| 8. | Michael Hollosan | 27 | Sept. | 1887 | 9 | Oct. | 1887 | Ashland | Martin Hollosan |
| 9. | Theresa Touhy | 9 | Oct. | 1887 | 10 | Oct. | 1887 | Ashland | Patrick Touhy |
| 10. | Bertholomeu Sullivan | 6 | Oct. | 1887 | 16 | Oct. | 1887 | Hockessin | Barth. Sullivan |
| 11. | Annie Lunnen | 10 | May | 1869 | 29 | Oct. | 1887 | Hockessin | Unknown |
| 12. | Michael Dineen | 15 | Nov. | 1887 | 20 | Nov. | 1887 | Hockessin | Jerry Dineen |
| 13. | Margaret Reardon | 5 | Dec. | 1887 | 11 | Dec. | 1887 | Ashland | John Reardon |
| 14. | Elizabeth Moynihan | 6 | Dec. | 1887 | 11 | Dec. | 1887 | Hockessin | Jerry Moynihan |
| 15. | Francis Hickey | 18 | Dec. | 1887 | 25 | Dec. | 1887 | Hockessin | William Hickey |
| 16. | Mary Regina Hyde | 27 | Jan | 1888 | 2 | Feb. | 1888 | Hockessin | Daniel J. Hyde |
| 17. | Mary Marg. Gunn | 2 | Feb. | 1888 | 5 | Feb. | 1888 | Hockessin | Fred. M. Gunn |
| 18. | Elizabeth Braley | 18 | Feb. | 1888 | 26 | Feb. | 1888 | Hockessin | Thos. Healey |
| 19. | Michael P. Pomey | 10 | Mar. | 1888 | 25 | Mar. | 1888 | Hockessin | Timothy J. Pomey |
| 20. | Annie O'Neill | 3 | Apr. | 1888 | 15 | Apr. | 1888 | Hockessin | John O'Neill |
| 21. | Alice A. Kelleher | 17 | Apr. | 1888 | 22 | Apr. | 1888 | Hockessin | John P. Kelleher |
| 22. | John Brennan | 10 | May | 1888 | 13 | May | 1888 | Hockessin | William Brennan |
| 23. | William Pusry | 5 | May | 1885 | 3 | June | 1888 | Hockessin | La Pusry |
| 24. | Edward Pusry | 7 | Mar. | 1881 | 8 | June | 1888 | Hockessin | La Pusry |
| 25. | Thos E. Grady | 31 | Apr | 1888 | 10 | June | 1888 | Ashland | Ed. F. Grady |
| 26. | Mary Frances Keating | 11 | June | 1888 | 24 | June | 1888 | Hockessin | Thos. M. Keating |
| 27. | Florentia Ursula Keating | 19 | Jan | 1888 | 24 | June | 1888 | Hockessin | John Keating |

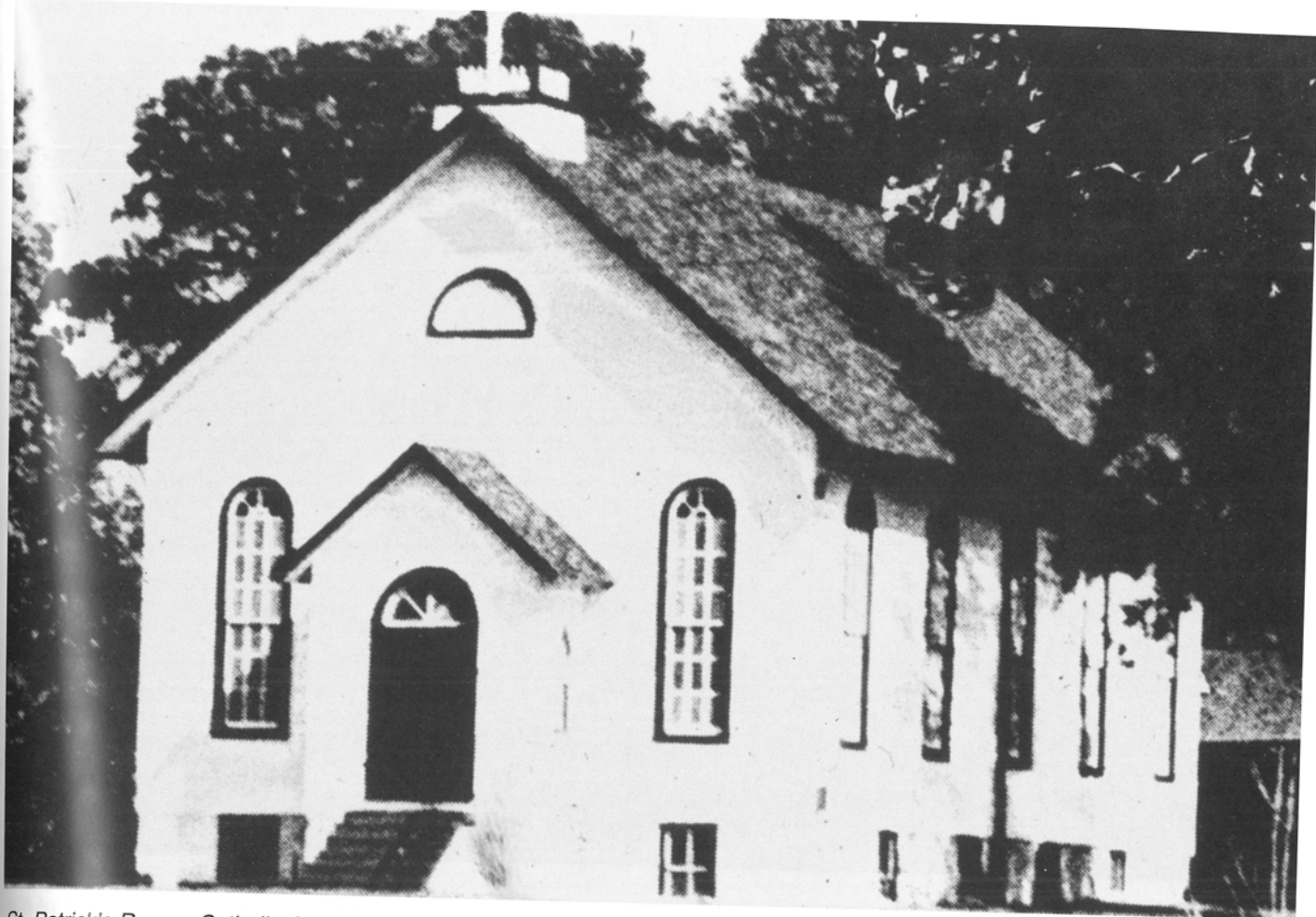
| PARENTUM: | | NOMEN PATRINORUM: | | NOMEN MINISTRI: | ADNOTATIONES. |
|--|--|---|-------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Matris. | | Patrini. | Matrinae. | | |
| | | Married Aug 31, 1911 to Viola Anson | | (Non Cath.) by Rev Jas. A. Hogan | Conthiller, Pa. |
| Margaret Lynch | | Patrick Lyons | Mrs. D. Akera | Fr. Farley | Baptizari sine conditione. Parentes Protestantes |
| Elizabeth Creag | | John Kane | Mrs. J. Kane | Fr. Farley | |
| Ellen Desmond | | Patrick Desmond | Mary Desmond | Fr. Farley | |
| Mary Dwyer | | Thos. Boyce | Mary Boyce | Fr. Farley | |
| Louisa Deming | | Ed. E. McGoona | Louisa E. McGoona | Fr. Farley | Married June 15 1910 to Clara M. Carthy by Rev James L. McQuinn |
| William 31, 1916 by Rev J. J. Connelley | | John Gillean | Julia M. Carthy | Fr. Farley | |
| Sarah Gillean | | | | | |
| Ann Toomey | | Michael Connell | Marg. Toomey | Fr. Farley | Married April 25 1911 to Anna M. Maier by Rev Joseph Rathner |
| Mary M. Laughlin | | John Jas. Kolloran | Mrs. M. Kolloran | Fr. Farley | Conditionale private que sit publica super levi caeremonias |
| Bridget Kolloran | | Francis Farley | Lizzie Touhy | Fr. Farley | |
| Johanna Connor | | Timothy M. Carthy | Mary M. Carthy | Fr. Farley | Baptizatus sine conditione |
| Unknown | | Peter Boyce | Mary A. Karrigan | Fr. Farley | |
| Mrs. Ellen Kelleher | | Mr. Dan. Kelleher | Mrs. Murphy | Fr. Farley | |
| Ellen Toomey | | Patrick O'Tool | Margaret Toomey | Fr. Farley | |
| by Rev H. Valentin | | George Reardon | Mrs A. Moynihan | Fr. Farley | |
| Alice Moynihan | | Jerry Moynihan | A. Heikley | Fr. Farley | |
| most Sacred Pa Apr 30 1922 by Rev Joseph P. Heikley | | Patrick Lynch | Ellen Hyde | Fr. Farley | |
| Mary E. Toomey | | James Boyce | Agnes Gormelley | Fr. Farley | |
| Jane Gormelley | | Bart. Kelleher | Alice Kelleher | Fr. Farley | Married Oct 25 09 to Leonard J. W. Spencer by Rev M. d. Dredman |
| Alice Kelleher | | Thos Healey | Julia Moynihan | Fr. Farley | |
| Catharine Lucey | | John O'Neill | Jane E. O'Neill | Fr. Farley | |
| Elizabeth Guetkin | | Dennis Kelleher | Ann Lynch | Fr. Farley | |
| Margaret Lynch | | Married to Sarah M. Matthew Boyce | Mary Boyce | Fr. Farley | Married Feb 19 1912 by Rev J. L. McQuinn |
| Margaret Doran | | James Connors | Margaret Healey | Fr. Farley | I.Ll. |
| Debbie O'Neill | | Mich. P. Lyons | Margaret Healey | Fr. Farley | |
| Ellen O'Neill | | Married at Haver de Lysse Mrs. Nov 7 1911 | Kate Ryan | Fr. Farley | by Rev. J. P. Fitz Gerald |
| Mary Boyd | | Thos. M. Laughlin | Maggie Keating | Fr. Farley | |
| Margaret Ryan | | Thos. James Ryan | Lizzie Keating | Fr. Farley | |
| Sydney R. Wilkinson | | James S. Nolan | | | |

June 7

St John's Church, Hackensack, N.J.

1875 Confirmations on June 7th by Bishop Doelen.

1. Charles Maria Samborn
2. John Vincent Samborn
3. Francis Thomas Cafferty
4. Cornelius Daniel Collins
5. Joseph Emory Hyde
6. Jeremiah James Hyde
7. John Joseph Conroy
8. Wm. Hazard San. Quill
9. Mrs. Francis Flannery
10. Mich. Joseph Moynihan
11. Thos. John Murphy
12. Bartholomew Jeremiah Killeen
13. Francis Matthew Flannery
14. Andrew John Moynihan
15. Cornel. Stanislaus Quill
16. Francis Thos. Hyde
17. George Harry Wm. Samborn
18. Mrs. Wm. Ryan
19. Michael Henry Jordan
20. Joseph Wm. Cafferty
21. Peter Jas. Moran
22. Joseph Emory Thos. McGovern
23. John Joseph Scannell
24. Daniel Emory Hyde
25. Wm. Arthur O'Neill
26. Peter Michael Moran
27. Jeremiah Joseph Moynihan
28. Wm. Joseph Boyce
29. John Joseph O'Neill



St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church stood on the present Ashland-Clinton School Road near Ashland. Built in 1880, it served the community long and well, until it was closed in the mid 1960's when the new St. Mary of the Assumption Church opened in Hockessin.

Irish descent, were farmers and mill laborers living in Red Clay Creek Valley, principally between Wooddale and Auburn (Yorklyn). So in 1880, a new church was erected in the parish. It was called St. Patrick's and was situated in a high broad meadow near Ashland, close to the prosperous grist mill. A parish house was built adjacent to the church.

Had the founders of the new church foreseen the impact of the recent kaolin discoveries, they might have reconsidered the location selected for their church. Opening of the mines created an immense need for unskilled Irish labor. These were the people who worked the English mines in Cornwall; these were the people who produced the fine china at the English potteries at Staffordshire; and these were the people sought after to work in the Hockessin works by mineral suppliers of English descent. There was work to be found in the mines here, so to Hockessin they came. After 1850, there appear on the tax lists such names as Dwyer, Creedon, Brennan, Grady, O'Neill, Touhey, McGrory, Halloran, Kelly, Haggerty and McGovern. Within ten years after the opening of the church at Ashland, the Catholic population of the area had shifted measurably to Hockessin. Once again there was no neighborhood church.

The arguments were settled, plans were drawn, and in 1882, a large frame church named for St. John, the Evangelist, was built on Valley Road in the heart of Hockessin. The corner stone was placed and the first mass said in September, 1882. Five years later, when Father James T. Fahey was priest over the combined flocks, he had a parish house built adjoining the church. Thereafter, St. Patrick's of Ashland was relegated to mission status in the Hockessin parish.

A parochial school, known as St. John's, was opened in the church hall about this same time. Several nuns, the priest, and an occasional layman taught the children the three Rs. At one point close to one hundred children were attending the school. In 1934, however, because of failing financial support, St. John's school closed.

For many decades that followed their founding, the two churches at Hockessin and Ashland met the devotional need of the parishioners. It was discovered that St. John's was developing structural stress caused by dry rot, termites and overuse. Built on marshy ground, the west side of the building was slowly sinking. Either a major remodeling project was necessary or a new church would have to be built.

St. Patrick's was in better physical condition, but was far too small for the growing parish. By 1955, several masses were being said at both churches weekly.



St. John's Roman Catholic Church (top) opened in 1882 on Valley Road. It was replaced in 1964 by the larger St. Mary of the Assumption Church (bottom). There are now approximately 680 Catholic families in the parish.



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two story brick structure, of Romanesque and Gothic Style. The tower contains a bell of nearly two tons weight. First settled clergyman, Rev. Martin X. Fallon, 1881-85; educated at Mount Mary's College and Seminary, Emmitsburg Md.

Minutes, 1895--, 1 vol.; Register (baptism, including record of converts), 1881--, 4 vols.; (confirmations), 1881--, 2 vols.; (marriages), 1881 2 vols.; (deaths), 1885--, 1 vol.; (first communions), 1915--, 1 vol.; Parish Census, 1881--, 1 vol.; Burial Permits, 1885--, 2 vols.; book of Announcements, 1881--, (loose-leaf), nearly complete; Financial, 1926--, 1 vol.; 1881-1926, yearly reports: Holy Name Society , 1901--, 1 vol.; Sacred Heart Sodality, 1895-1905, 1 vol.; Blessed virgin Sodality, 1905--, 1 vol.; St. Vincent dePaul Society, 1893-1903, 1 vol.; at rectory, 1414 King St. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. D12, p. 131; vol. E12, p. 461; vol. I15, p. 305; vol. N16, p. 559; vol. O16, p. 413; vol. U16, p. 223; vol. X16, p. 32; vol. S22, p. 441; vol. T33, p. 345; vol. V23, p. 489; vol. V34, p.87.

94. ST PATRICK'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, 1888--, 14th and French Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1888, in charge of the Sisters of St. Francis. Until 1895, when the present building was dedicated, classes were conducted in the basement of the church. Present building enlarged in 1913. A three story brick structure.

Attendance and Scholastic record, 1900--, card file; in convent in charge of Sister Superior.

95. CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER, 1927--, 16th and Thatcher Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1927 as a mission of St. Patrick's parish (entry 93). The building formerly public school No. 26, was dedicated 1927. It is a two story brick building with a cross above the entrance. See: Rev. James L. McSweeney, record of establishment of chapel, in minute book of St. Patrick's, 1927.

No separate records are kept. Record of Deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. V34, p. 87.

96. ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, 1881--, Ashland.

Organized and incorporated September 17, 1881. Building dedicated 1883. It is an outgrowth of St. Mary's Church at Coffee Run (entry 75). The building is a one story frame structure. Present pastor Rev. James M. Grant, serves both this church and St. John's Church, Hockessin (entry 97). First settled clergyman, who served also St. John's Rev. Peter Donaghy 1883-87.

Minutes, 1917--, 1 vol.; Register, 1883--, (baptisms. including record of converts), 1 vol.; (confirmations), 1 vol.; (marriages), 1 vol.; (members), 1 vol. (deaths), 1 vol.; Financial, 1883--, 1 vol.; at rectory of St. John's Church, Valley Rd. Hockessin. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. D12, pp. 211 and 386; vol. G12, p. 93; vol. I16, p. 166; vol. N16, p. 285.

97. ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, 1884, Valley Rd. Hockessin.

Organized 1884 as an outgrowth of St. Mary's Church at Coffee Run (entry 75).

Present building was dedicated 1884. Incorporated January 7, 1894. It was remodeled in 1932. It is a two story stucco structure with tower and bell. First settled clergyman, who also served St. Patrick's Church, Ashland (entry 96), Rev. Peter Donaghy, 1884-87. Present pastor Rev. James M. Grant, serves both this church and St. Patrick's Church. There is also a station of this church at the Brandywine Sanitorium, Marshallton.

Minutes, 1917--, 1 vol.; Register, 1884--, (baptisms, including record of converts), 1 vol.; (confirmation), 1 vol.; (marriages), 1 vol.; (members), 1 vol.; at rectory, Valley Road. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. I16, p. 165; vol. N16, p. 293; vol. O16, p. 184; vol. Y22, p. 711 vol. Z34, p. 6.

98-99. ST. HEDWIG'S PARISH, (Polish), Wilmington, 1887--,

98. ST. HEDWIG'S CHURCH (Polish), 187--, Linden and Harrison Sts. Wilmington.

Organized 1887 by the Benedictine Fathers of Sacred Heart Church (entry 84) where a separate Mass was said for them until 1892. In that year the Benedictine Fathers erected a two story brick structure on Linden St. opposite from the present site. They remained in charge until 1896 when secular priest, Rev. John S. Gules, the present pastor, was secured for the parish. Incorporated under the present name January 8, 1898 and in the same year the deed to this property was transferred to them. Present building opened and dedicated 1904. A two story brick structure. English Gothic style. The three steepled towers contain four bells. This is the only church in Wilmington with a groined ceiling. The church organ was presented to the church by Andrew Carnegie, this being the only Catholic church in the city to receive such a gift. Congregation is largely Polish. First settled clergyman, Rev. Leo Szczepanski, 1890-94; educated at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore and Irving University, Rome, Italy. See: Anthony Liebert, and historical sketch (1904); Rev. John S. Gulez, History of St. Hedwig's Church (New York, E. Brickman and Sons, 1904).

Minutes , 1904--, 1 vol.; Register, 1887--, (baptisms) 5 vols.; (confirmations), 1 vol. (marriages), 2 vols.; (members); 2 vols.; (deaths), 1 vol.; Communion Record, 1905--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1887--, 2 vols.; at rectory, 408 S. Harrison St. Sunday School, 1897 --, 2 vols.; in possession of Sisters of the Felician Order, Linden and Harrison Sts. Records of Incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record: vol. D15, p. 293; vol. D15, p. 561; vol. N17, p. 397; vol. P17, pp. 108-111; vol. X20. p. 138; vol. K21, p. 48; vol. G23, p. 231; vol. B27, p. 126; vol. H27, p. 492; vol. I37, p. 386; vol. X39, p. 233.

99. ST. HEDWIG'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, 1897--, Linden and Harrison Sts., Wilmington.

Organized 1897, in charge of Sisters of the Felician Order. Classes were conducted on the first floor of the original church until 1904 when the present church was erected. The entire building at the old church was then used for classrooms. Part of this old building is still in use for school purposes. Present building dedicated 1924. A two story brick structure.

General registration, 1911--, 3 vols.; Attendance record, 1926--, 189 small vols. (separate vol. yearly for each class): in school office in charge of Sister Superior.

THE CHURCHES OF DELAWARE

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

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Hockessin Friend's Meeting took its name from the name of an Indian town closeby. In 1730, sixth-day Meetings were held in the home of Wm. Cox, now the home of John C. Mitchell, by permission of the New Wark Preparative Meeting, which was granted on Apr. 6, 1730. Permission to build a meeting-house was granted on Feb. 30, 1737.

On Oct. 17, 1737, land upon which to build a meeting-house and to establish a burying-ground, was deeded to a board of trustees. In 1738, a meeting-house, part of which is included in the present meeting-house was erected. It was enlarged in 1745. Additions to the meeting-house were made in 1941. There is a large burying-ground on the opposite side of the road. The earliest legible tombstone is dated 1837.

Hockessin Methodist Church (M.E.). In 1881, a Methodist meeting was held in the wheel-wright shop at Brackenville. A Sunday School called "Friendship" was organized. In the fall of that year a room in the Odd Fellow's Hall at Hockessin was secured for the meetings. On July 21, 1882, trustees were elected and on Aug. 28, 1882, one-half acre of land was purchased from Taylor S. Mitchell as a church site. The erection of the church had been started on Aug. 21, 1882. The corner-stone was laid on Nov. 5, 1882, by the Rev. J. E. Bryan. The dedication ceremonies were held on Feb. 18, 1883. There were three services which were conducted by the Revs. Theodore Stevens, Madison A. Richards, D.D., and Adam Wallace, D.D. The parsonage was built in 1891. The church was improved in 1916.

The Kenneth Douglass Jones Memorial Chapel at Sunny Hills School near Hockessin. This chapel was built in honor of Mr. Jones of Auckland, New Zealand, a former member of the staff at Sanford Preparatory School, who was killed in action in North Africa in January, 1943. The corner-stone was laid on May 3, 1943. The chapel had been designed by Mr. Jones previous to his entry in the service of the British Army in 1939. It was opened for the use of the students on Sept. 24, 1945. The bronze bell, cast in Croydon, England was presented to Mrs. Ellen Q. Sawin, the headmistress by her son-in-law Kenneth H. Matthewson. The chapel is essentially a place for prayer and meditation by the students of the school.

Chippy A. U. M. P. Church at Hockessin. On Sept. 24, 1886, the A. U. 1st col. M. P. Church purchased a lot at Grant St. and Mill Creek Ave., from D. H. Kent. A frame church was then built and used until 1896 when the present church was built. Title to the property passed to the Chippy A. U. M. P. Church on Mar. 27, 1897. On Dec. 8, 1925, they purchased a dwelling on Mill Creek Ave., from H. V. McVaugh.

St. John's R. C. Church at Hockessin was founded in 1882. The corner-stone of the church was laid on Sun., Sept. 17, 1882, by Bishop Thomas A. Becker, assisted by the Rev. Patrick Donaghy, the pastor of St. Patrick's Church at Ashland. A special train was run from Wilmington for the event. Bishop Becker was driven there in a private carriage. The church was incorporated on Jan. 7, 1894.

On June 1, 1925, the Rev. James M. Grant took charge of St. John's Church. He arranged for the purchase of the Dr. Taylor S. Mitchell estate on the Lancaster Pike in Hockessin. The title to the property, consisting of 22 acres, was transferred to the church on Mar. 3, 1927. The house was used as a rectory. Father Grant then opened a parochial school and convent in the

former rectory beside the church. A school-bus was used to transport the pupils. In 1934, the number of pupils having greatly diminished the school was closed. The first rectory was again used by Father Grant and the Dr. Mitchell property was sold on Sept. 30, 1937.

St. Luke's M. E. Church, colored, at Hockessin. The church site, located between Quarry St. and Railroad St., was purchased from Henry S. Kent on Nov. 9, 1899 and a small frame church was built. The church became defunct and the property was sold to M. M. and Hickman Wirt on Jan. 5, 1915. For a time the building was used as a warehouse and is now used as a dwelling on the original site.

Pleasant Grove Church, colored, was located on the Newport and Gap Road between Swamp Road and Hockessin Road. On June 7, 1856, it was sold by John Tilghman to the First United African Wesley Society.

Christiana Methodist Church (M.E.) was organized in 1827, when a frame church was built. The corner-stone was laid on Sept. 17, 1827, and "they raised the building" on Sept. 25, 1827. The church site was transferred to the church by Abraham Egbert, for \$20.00, on Dec. 24, 1827. It was located on the easterly side of the Christiana-Wilmington Pike, adjoined the land of Mary McMechen, had a frontage of 54 ft. 6 in. and comprised 2362 sq. ft. of land. This is the present site of the colored school.

This church was used until 1857. On July 9, 1857, the trustees, who had been elected on June 27, 1854, purchased from Abraham Cannon, for \$312.00 the present church site comprising one and one-quarter acres. It was described as being on the main road to Newark and contiguous to the village of Christiana.

The erection of the present brick church was then started. The corner-stone was laid on Sept. 10, 1857, and it was dedicated on Jan. 28, 1858, by Bishop Levi Scott. It was renovated and reopened on June 26, 1892. The services were conducted by the Revs. J. D. C. Hanna, T. E. Terry and I. L. Wood. It was remodeled in 1929. A new pipe-organ was installed in September, 1942. It was dedicated in March, 1943, by the pastor.

The Church of the Mediator, P. E., at Christiana Village. This church was organized, in 1865, at meetings held in the home of J. R. C. Oldham, by the Rev. J. P. DuHamel of Delaware City. A lot was purchased as a church site. In 1866, the meetings were transferred to the Good Templar's Hall. Bishop Alfred Lee paid his first visit to the church on July 14, 1867, at which time he confirmed five members. No church was ever built.

Christiana Friend's Meeting. A Friend's Meeting was formed, in 1772, at Christiana Bridge. Permission to meet on the first and fourth days of each week was granted by the Wilmington Monthly Meeting. This action was later approved by the Chester Quarterly Meeting. The meetings alternated between Christiana Bridge and Stanton. The Christiana Bridge meetings were held at the home of Hannah Lewden, which is still standing on the easterly side of Christina Creek a short distance from the bridge. The Stanton meetings were held at Marshall's Mill. These meetings continued until 1781, when the White Clay Creek Meeting at Stanton was established by permission of the Chester Quarterly Meeting.

Former St. John's Church razed

By LIZANNE SOBOLESKY

A sentimental Catholic landmark in Hockessin last week returned to dust.

Local residents, including some former parishioners, watched a demolition crew July 30 begin week-long wreckage of the former St. John the Evangelist Church on Valley Road, one of the oldest churches in Delaware.

The white, stuccoed, two-story church was sold by the Diocese in 1964 upon the construction of St. Mary of the Assumption Church on Lancaster Pike. St. John's, now owned by Terry Lake who lives in the former rectory beside the church, was condemned several years ago.

"It had to come down because it was a safety hazard," Lake said. He looked into having it preserved but said there was too much damage to the roof and floor and it was also a fire hazard.

Lake bought the property from the Diocese because he "loved" the rectory. "In the agreement of selling, the church had to go with the property," Lake said.

He said he regretted destroying the church because of sentimental reasons. "A lot of people here in town went to school there, were married there. It's

sort of an historic type thing. But it had to come down."

During the 19 years he has owned the church many former parishioners, students and teachers returned to visit or collect memorabilia, Lake said. "Some pews have even been sold through the years."

When former parishioners heard of the planned demolition, they returned during the last few weeks to acquire mementos, he said.

People were always curious about the church, Lake said. "You'd get a lot of people asking you questions such as 'Do you have services in there?'"

Every Christmas season Lake and his wife Barbara would decorate the church entrance as a creche to maintain an aura of the church.

Lake is preserving the original circular stain-glass window, which was located on the back wall of the sanctuary, the marble altar and other artifacts.

"We feel bad," said the owner's mother, Bettie Lake. "But we took anything we thought would be of religious value" before the crew started.

St. John the Evangelist was the third Catholic church built in the Hockessin area. St. Mary of

the Assumption of Coffee Run, the first Catholic church in Delaware, was built in 1790; St. Patrick's Church in Ashland was built in 1880, and St. John's in 1882.

The present St. Mary of the Assumption Church was built to serve the growing Catholic population, according to pastor Fr. Leonard Kempksi.

"To keep the continuity of St. John the Evangelist" a daily Mass chapel, slated to be built on parish grounds, will be named after the church and will contain the original crucifix, Fr. Kempksi said.

"We still have the bell from St. John the Evangelist and the cornerstones from both St. John's and St. Patrick's," he said. The bell will be put in a bell tower and the cornerstones will be used in the construction of the new chapel.

The priest said the destruction of St. John's doesn't affect too many of the younger parishioners.

"It's been 20 years since it was owned by the Diocese so for a lot of St. Mary of the Assumption

parishioners it doesn't have meaning. But for the old-timers, of course, it does."

Helen Ogorek, who lives diagonally across from the church, graduated in 1932 from the basement school.

"It feels terrible," that it is being torn down, said Ogorek, a parishioner of St. Mary of the Assumption. "I think we're going to miss it. Everytime you looked out there you would see a church. Now there's nothing but trees.

"It brings back a lot of memories," she said. "You'd sit out here on the porch and hear singing. I made my first communion there. I was confirmed there."

Jean Murphy, who was raised and married in St. John's parish remembers happy times in her class of 10 students in the school.

"It has a lot of childhood memories," said Murphy, of St. Peter's parish in New Castle. "I remember friendships and church associations."

"I'm glad now that about two



A demolition crew razed the former St. John the Evangelist Church on Valley Road in Hockessin last week.

weeks ago my sister-in-law was in from California and we drove by. I'm so glad I saw it before it went down."

was in we are glad to see it go," she said.

Elizabeth Roser, who lives directly across from the church, had two sons who were altar boys at St. John's. Roser said she will miss the church but that its poor condition warranted the wreckage.

Roser's fondest memory of St. John's was belonging to the altar society. "We used to clean the church and we had good suppers. It was a nice, warm organization," she said.

"Maybe five or 10 years ago we would feel bad about it, but with the condition the church

"But we'll be in trouble now," she added, laughing. "When we give the post office a place for delivery we always say, 'Right across from the old church.'"



THE
GENEALOGY
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A CHURCH



Throughout most of the Eighteenth century the Jesuits from "Bohemia," the mission in Warwick, Maryland, visited northern Delaware, serving the growing Catholic population in this area. Among the ten priests tending the White Clay Creek area during the years 1730 to 1790, Father John Lewis, S.J., knew it best and served it for longer periods of time than the others. While tending the mission, he was also the incumbent at Bohemia.



In 1772 while he was the superior of the Maryland Province, Father Lewis directed Father Matthias Manners, S.J., to purchase 207 acres of land from Samuel Lyle, seven miles west of Wilmington, in Mill Creek Hundred. Probably Cornelius Hollohan influenced the decision to select this site. A well-to-do Irish immigrant, "Con" Hollohan had lived in the neighborhood for some decades and his home had been for many years a resting place for Jesuit Missionaries in their journeys to and from Bohemia and St. Mary's County, and Philadelphia. When, in 1775, Father Lewis built a residence

on "Laetitia Manor," the plantation named in honor of its first owner, Laetitia Penn, Con Hollohan sold his own land holdings and became tenant of the Jesuit Mission. This house doubled as church for at least fifteen years until 1790, and probably longer.

Bishop John Carroll of Baltimore and first Bishop of the U.S. who had served the White Clay Creek plantation as priest, entrusted its care to Father John Rosseter, a Dublin Augustinian. Father Rosseter erected the first church, a log chapel, at the site of a cemetery that had existed for several years.

Father Rosseter had joined the priesthood after serving in the French Navy, and he came to the U.S. with others of his order to found a religious house. During his pastorate at White Clay Creek, Father Rosseter had the assistance of Father Stanton, Father Ennis, and Father Matthew Carr, vicar general of the Delaware area for Bishop Carroll.



Succeeding Father Rosseter was Father Charles Whalen, O.F.M. Cap., an Irish Capuchin. By 1799 when Bishop Carroll assigned him to Mill Creek Hundred, Father Whalen's priesthood had included a lengthy stay in France, followed by service as a chaplain in the French Navy. After his service, he petitioned Rome to permit him to remain in America. His petition was granted and he served New York. He laid the cornerstone of New York's first church, St. Peter's Church on Barclay Street, in 1785. Then he served in Kentucky before his assignment in Delaware. After four years he retired to Old Bohemia, leaving his pastorate to a younger man, Father Kenny.



Father Patrick Kenny, intending to go on to Charleston, S.C., had

arrived in Philadelphia in 1804. The discovery of trustee troubles and the intense heat in Charleston persuaded him to remain in the vicinity of Philadelphia. He was immediately assigned to the several outlying missions of the White Clay Creek plantation, West Chester, Doe Run, Concord. In January, 1805, he was assigned to the White Clay Creek plantation mission itself which he called "Coffee Run." For three years, 1805 to 1808, Father Kenny lived near West Chester at Goshen with his old friend Anthony Hearne. He began at once to negotiate purchase of the plantation from the Jesuits of Old Bohemia, and his friend Anthony Hearne financed the purchase of Coffee Run Plantation as well as endowing the church in West Chester.

Father Kenny initiated a building program in his widespread parish which included all of New Castle County north of the present canal, West Chester, Ivy Mills and Doe Run. He constructed a large barn on his newly purchased plantation in 1807. Also in that year he began the church in New Castle. In 1812 he moved from the original Jesuit residence into a newly completed stone house, the Mundy house, located nearby. With money from the estate of Father Charles Whalen, he built the first church in Wilmington. Begun in 1816, this is the present St. Peter's Cathedral.

By 1823 he had sold a large piece of property south of Lancaster Turnpike and erected a new home, the Clark House, just across the road from the old one. In that year he also completely renovated St. Mary of the Assumption, the Coffee Run church, built by Father Rosseter.



After Father Kenny's death on March 21, 1840, at the age of eighty, this church was used only intermittently because a new church, St. Joseph's-on-the-Brandywine, was built in 1841 to serve the Irish immigrants employed in the powder yards. After ten years the Catholic population center returned to the Coffee Run area to work in the quarries and Father Kenny's church reopened. In November, 1851, a new and larger church replaced the original one on the same site.



Another population shift in 1880 necessitated another move. The cornerstone of the new parish center, St. Patrick's Church, in Ashland, was laid on September 24. Two years later the parish built an additional, dependent church, St. John the Evangelist, in Hockessin. Thus the third and the fourth successors of the original log chapel were built in the same locality.

When St. John the Evangelist was built, Western Mill Creek Hundred had been an Irish settlement from the days of colonization. More than two thirds of the population for ten miles around were of Irish descent. They farmed, worked in clay pits and lime kilns, quarried and built the Delaware and Western Railroad. Then at the turn of the century, Polish immigrants moved to the area to work at the snuff mill in Yorklyn, where "Polish Row" still exists. At the same time, Italian workmen came to work in the quarry at Wooddale.

In the twentieth century new industries brought new immigration to the Hockessin-Yorklyn neighborhood. In 1927, a group of Italians built a settlement on Valley Road to grow mushrooms. Today 83 percent of the world's supply of mushrooms are grown in the area between Hockessin and Kennett Square. Hockessin now feels the impact of the chemical industries' post-war expansion in Delaware.



For decades the hamlets of Hockessin, Yorklyn and Ashland lay

nestled in the wooded hills, but by the late 1950's the growth of Wilmington suburbia encroached on these small old towns. In the 1950's the parish numbered approximately one hundred families; by the '60's it had grown to nearly four hundred with a future of increased development and population.



The facilities of St. Patrick's and St. John's Churches were becoming too small in spite of a Sunday schedule of five Masses. The late Bishop Fitzmaurice, together with his coadjutor bishop, the Most Reverend Michael W. Hyle, decided that a tract of land should be purchased for the future building and expansion of parish facilities. On August 10, 1960, the Catholic Foundation purchased from Robert B. and Mary E. Walker a tract of 14.371 acres between the old and new Lancaster Pikes and contiguous to the Hockessin Elementary School. The tract's altitude of 405 feet afforded a magnificent view of the

spreading, home dotted hills.

On July 21, 1963, Bishop Hyle gave permission for the construction of a new church and rectory to be named St. Mary of the Assumption, thus reviving the name and continuing the history of the original mother church constructed at Coffee Run. The new edifice would be the fifth church in a line of succession stemming from the original log chapel.

The ceremonies of the blessing of the site and the ground breaking took place on the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, September 29, 1964, and Bishop Hyle, who at the time was in Rome for the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, was represented by his vicar general, the Right Reverend Monsignor Roderick B. Dyer, P.A. Construction began on October 10, 1964.



On Sunday, August 15, 1965, the patronal feast of the parish, Bishop Hyle laid the cornerstone and blessed the buildings, and Father Anthony DiMichele celebrated the first Mass in the new church. The year of Our Lord 1965 marked the 193rd Anniversary of the founding of the parish and the 175th Anniversary of the building of the first St. Mary of the Assumption Church at Coffee Run.



Since the dedication and blessing of the church, the parish continued to grow. Fr. McDonough, concerned for the education of the children at St. Mary's, arranged with Corpus Christi in Elsmere to accept the children of this parish.

Eventually, this agreement led to the first co-school in the Diocese of Wilmington.

The small community of Hockessin blossomed. During Fr. Leonard Kempfski's tenure, the parish center was added. This facility, which connected the church and the rectory at two levels, addressed the need for adequate space for religious education, a day chapel which opens to the main church for Sunday Mass, office space, storage space, and conference rooms. In addition, the hall and kitchen were remodeled and a bell tower was constructed.

The bell tower was placed on the new facility using the bell that originally belonged to the Catholic Church in Hockessin, St. John the Evangelist. At the blessing, the pastor, Fr. Roy Pollard dedicated the bell to St. Mary and to St. John, her protector, thus meshing the past and present parish churches. Since then, the reconciliation room and chapel have been furnished, the hall kitchen has been remodeled, and St. Patrick's cemetery is expanding. In 1998, well known artist Carolyn Blish donated the corpus that is

on the cross in the parking lot.

The cemetery of St. Patrick's is still in use. A number of artifacts from the former churches are in use at the present St. Mary's facility. From St. John's church we have a ciborium, stations of the cross, and the church bell. The cross at the Lancaster Pike entrance to the property is from the second St. Mary's church at Coffee Run. The corpus from that cross is displayed outside the chapel.

The small parish of 300-500 families has grown to approx. 2,800 registered families, which gives us over 10,000 registered parishioners. There are 40+ organizations and activities in the parish. The parish continues to grow, and the Pastoral Council and Finance Council are making plans for future growth and care of our present facilities and grounds.

We welcome all new parishioners to be a living and active part of our history.

St. Johns R. C. Church, Hockessin, Delaware



St. John's the Evangelist Church and Parish House

Site of Saint John's Evangelist Catholic Church and Parish House. The church was built in 1882, the third church within the area parish, after Coffee Run and St. Patrick's of Ashland.

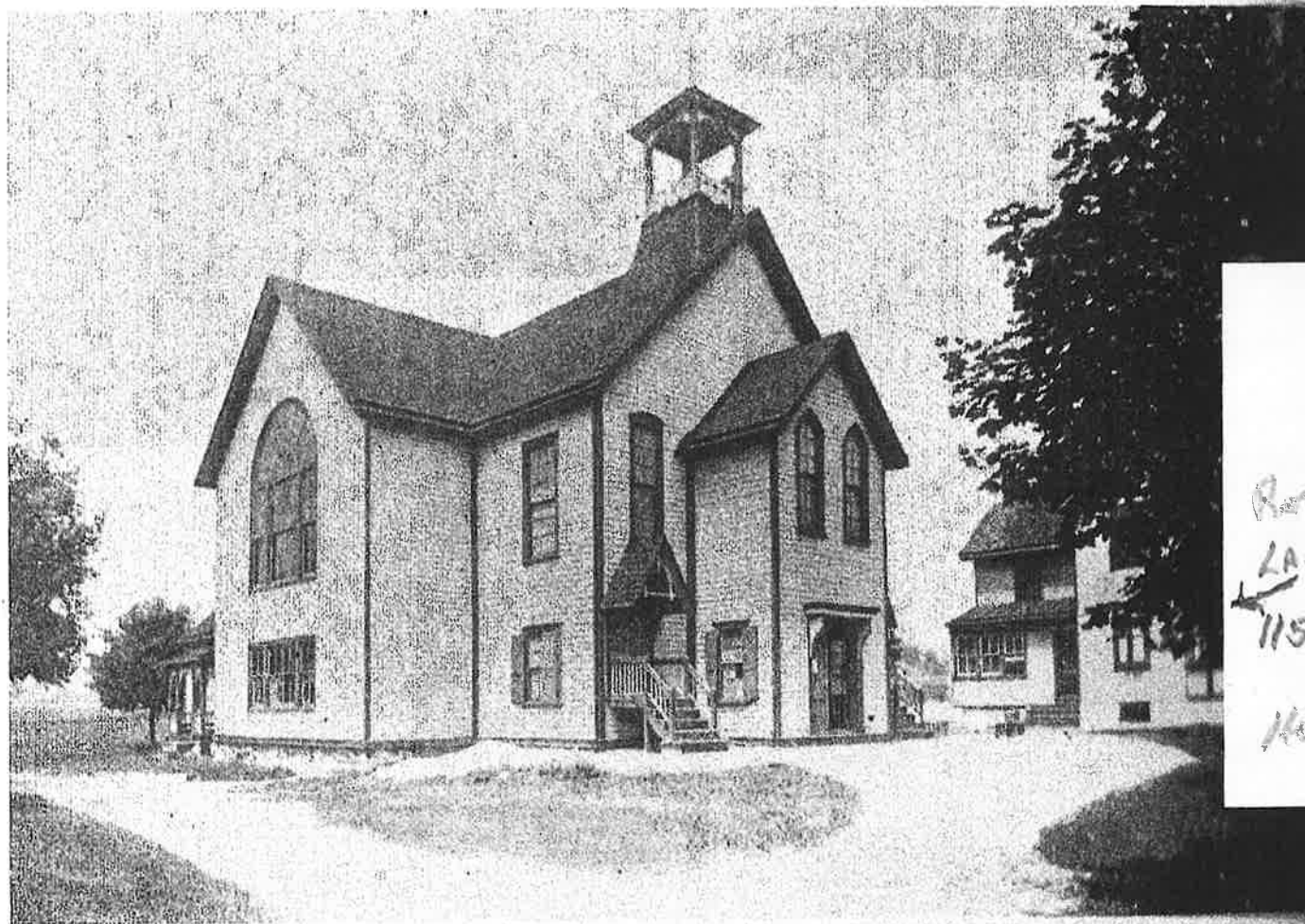
A parochial school, known as St. John's was opened in the church hall about the same time. Several nuns, the priest, and an occasional layman taught there. At one point close to one hundred children were attending the school. In 1934 however, because of failing financial support, St. John's School was closed.

In later years, it was discovered that the church was developing structural stress caused by dry rot and overuse. The church was replaced in 1964 by the new larger St. Mary's of the Assumption Church on Lancaster Pike Hockessin, the fourth within the parish built. At this time there were six hundred and eighty families in the parish. The St. John's Church was demolished in 1985.

The parish house was built on the site next to the church in 1887 under the direction of Father James T. Fahey, which still stands today. The entire property and Parish House was purchased from the Diocese by the Lake Family in 1967, with the help of Rev. Anthony R. DiMichele. The family as of this date still reside in the Parish House.



Priests, Teachers and graduating class of 1931 at St. John's Parochial School at Hockessin. Back row, standing left to right: Gerald L. Montague, Edward L. Halloran, Charles Stearott, Robert Weeks, Father James Grant, James Sams, Father Roderick Dwyer, Francis Foley, Edward Lamborn, William Bulger and Norman Ford. Front row: Sister Maria, Sister Agnes, Sophie Polinski, Mrs. Elizabeth O'Neal, Maria Bergon, Mother Loyola and an unidentified Sister.



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St. John's Roman Catholic Church (top) opened in 1882 on Valley Road. It was replaced in 1964 by the larger St. Mary of

the Assumption Church (bottom). There are now approximately 680 Catholic families in the parish.