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212. FRIENDSHIP METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1782-- , Thoroughfare Neck, Near Smyrna.

Organized 1782. Services were held in log building on present site until 1666. Present building dedicated 1867. It is a frame building with cemetery adjoining. First settled clergyman, Rev. Mr. Cantwell, tenure unknown. See: Mrs. Edna Duke, and historical sketch, manuscript in possession of Mrs. J. E. Latta, Townsend.

Register (members), 1914-- , 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Norman C. Benson, Odessa. Records of incorporation and deeds: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol.Y2, p. 440; vol.P7, p.112; vol. F24, p. 69; Private Acts Record; vol. D1, p. 264.

213. UNION METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1782-- , 1 mile N of Blackbird.

Organized 1782 as "Union Meeting House". Name was changed in 1835. Until 1785, when a log church was built on present site, services were held in homes of members. 1801-47, another log church on same site was used. Present building dedicated 1847. It is a two story brick structure. The graveyard surrounds the church. Here many of the early leaders of Methodism, including Bishop Levi Scott, are buried. The church now has but one service a year. First settled clergyman, Rev. Edward Sanday, 1831-07. See: articles in Wilmington newspapers, Evening Journal, Sept. 8, 1926, Sunday Star, Sept. 13, 1931, Morning News, Sept.14, 1925.

Minutes, prior to 1845, on single sheets. One each year, several missing; 1846-65, 1 vol.; 1865-- , 2 vols.; Register, prior to 1857, on single sheets; 1857-64, 1 vol.; 1865-- , 2 vols.; Financial, 1804-42, 3 vols.; 1842-65, single sheets, one each year; 1865-- ,2 vols.; Deed of Trust, 1828, signed by George Beaster, Thomas Stephen, and Hyland B. Pennington; at parsonage on Immanuel M. E. Church, Townsend (entry 195)., in custody of Rev. D'Arcy A. Littleton. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. D35, p. 50; vol. V36, p. 58.

214. SOUND METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1784-- , 5 miles N. of Selbyville.

Organized and first building erected 1784 through the efforts of Freeborn Garretson, who for several years had conducted informal services in this vicinity. It was a frame building with shingled sides and roof, and was located about one mile southeast of the present site. In 1807 the building was repaired and the church incorporated under the name of Williams' Chapel. Rebuilt 1829. Present building dedicated 1876. Rebuilt 1923. A one story frame building, with belfry and bell. A camp meeting was formerly held in a nearby grove but these meetings have been discontinued for some years past. First settled clergyman, Rev. S. E. Tubbs, 1869-70. See: historical sketch, 1784-1934, manuscript in State Archives.

Minutes, 1878-- , 1 vol.; Financial, 1892-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Hiley Budson R. F. D. Charles W. Robb, Roxanna. Sunday School, 1933-- , 1 vol.; in possession of Miss Grace Rasbun, R. F. D., Selbyville. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record, vol. AC26, p. 431; vol. AAO62, p. 475; vol. DGO, p. 42. (Any Records 1784-1877 missing.).

215. LINE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1785-- , on Delaware – Maryland line, 1 mile from Whitesville.

Organized 1785, Services held in private homes until first building was

erected, about 50 yards north of present building, in 1785. Second church, built 1838, was opposite present site on Maryland side. Present church was incorporated December 31, 1853 and building dedicated in 1874. It was improved in 1915 and again in 1937. It is a one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Zach M. Webster, 1887-90; educated at Wesley Collegiate Institute, Dover. Minutes, 1874--, 2 vols.; Register, 1874--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Arthur G. Thomas. Sunday School, 1935--, 5 vols.; in possession of Mrs. Arthur G. Thomas. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BN86, p. 212; vol. BZ99, p.504; vol. BBO114, p. 43; vol. DIG 289, p. 38. (Any Records which may have been kept 1784-1873 missing).

216. ASBURY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1786--, Mt. Vernon St., Smyrna.

Organized 1786. Incorporated March 4, 1799. First building, a frame structure on N. Del. St. erected in 1786. In 1843 a brick church was erected on the site of the old church. In 1872 the present building was dedicated. It was remodeled in 1925. It is a one story brick building with steeple, bell, and gallery. First settled clergyman, Rev. Joseph Everett, 1791-1803. Minutes, 1900--, 1 vol.; Sunday School, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of secretary, Harvey Jones. Register, 1845--, 4 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. James W. Colona. Ladie's Aid Society, 1929--, 1 vol.; in possession of president, Mrs. H. Sherwood. Records of incorporation and deeds: Kent Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. F2, pp. 134 and 187; vol. V2, p 126; vol. X2, p. 131; vol. B3, p. 138; vol. F4, p. 279; vol. T4, pp. 276 and 272; vol. D5, p. 119; vol. F6, p.198; vol. G7, pp. 255 and 257; vol. S10, pp. 316 and 319; vol. V10, p.105; vol. W11, p. 183; vol. C12, p. 58; vol. B14, p. 64.

217. SALEM METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1787--, Christiana and Coochs Bridge Rd., Christiana.

Organized 1787. Services were held in members' homes until 1807, when church was incorporated and present building dedicated. Remodeled 1849 and 1884. It is a two story brick structure. First settled clergyman, unknown.

Minutes, 1787-1925, 2 vols.; 1934--, 1 vol.; Register, 1787-1925, 3 vols.; 1934--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1757-1925, 3 vols.; 1934--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Richard M. Green. Sunday School, 1934--, 1 vol.; in possession of Helen Johnson, Newark. Record of incorporation : New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. F3, p. 50.

218. LEWES METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1788--, 4th and Chestnut Sts., Lewes.

Methodist services were held in this locality as early as 1774, the meetings being held in private homes. Congregation was incorporated March 31, 1788 and a small frame church was erected on Shankland's Lane. This was called Ebenezer Church. In 1791 the present organization built a frame church at 3rd and Church Ln., and called it Bethel Church. For a number of years services were alternately held in the two churches until Ebenezer became defunct and the congregation joined with Bethel. In 1828 the church was moved to a site two and a half blocks east of the present church and rebuilt. This was used until 1872 when a new frame building was erected. Present building dedicated 1910. A one story gray stone structure with belfry and bell. Gothic style. First settled clergyman, Rev. Thomas J. Prettyman, 1880-82.