

*Saint Paul's Methodist Church*  
*1869 - 1998*

Donald L. Murray - Pastor

Laurel, Delaware

*Historical Weekend*  
at  
*Saint Paul's Methodist Church*  
Laurel, Delaware

*August 29, 1998*  
6:00 P.M.

*Agenda*

- I. INVOCATION
- II. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST  
Special Guest  
Former Ministers  
Members of St. Paul's Church
- III. HONORABLE RUTH ANN MINNER,  
Lt. Governor of Delaware
- IV. PLACING OF THE MARKER
- V. REFRESHMENTS
- VI. CONCERT BY "SUNNYSIDE"
- VII. BENEDICTION

Donors to the building fund for the original church building of St. Paul's started in 1866.

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| J. W. D. McGee     | Mrs. Richardson     |
| N. J. Wootten      | Elizabeth Hearn     |
| William Gordy, Sr. | Arthur Hitch        |
| Isaac Hearn        | Samuel Lynch        |
| Thomas Bacon       | J. L. Long          |
| Jonathan Hearn     | J. A. Collins       |
| J. T. Moore        | B. B. Phillips      |
| Nathaniel Horsey   | Elijah Greeney      |
| Jackson Horsey     | William N. Hastings |
| W. W. Dashield     | Burton B. Gordy     |
| N. J. Elliott      | Gibson Cannon       |
| William Gordy, Jr. | William Mitchell    |
| William Wheatley   | William S. Moore    |
| George O'Neal      | Jonathan Moore      |
| N. Tomlinson       | John W. Wiley       |
| B. F. Gordy        | Burton Cannon       |
| J. M. Hearn        | William Giles       |
| William Hearn      | Thomas Workman      |
| Henry Hastings     | James Collins       |
| Elijah Hearn       | Isaac Giles         |
| Benton Gordy       | Samuel Phillips     |
| S. J. Wheatly      | Elijah Hastings     |
| Charles Horsey     | James Carey         |
| Samuel Elliott     | Zede Hastings       |
| Thomas O'Neal      | John Windsor        |
| David O'Neal       | Levin Wainwright    |
| James H. Windsor   | Levinia Short       |
| John H. Gordy      | Edward L. Wolf      |
| Albert J. Hitch    |                     |

# *St. Paul's Church*

Hearn's Crossroads  
Laurel, Delaware

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"In 1869, the name Millsboro Mission was changed by the Md. An. Conference (Editor's note: Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church) to Lower Sussex Mission, and in 1872, by the same authority, the title was altered to Sussex Mission." . . . (Writer not identified).

"Sussex Mission was changed to a Circuit by the Conference in 1890." A final change to Laurel Circuit was made in 1905.

"The Methodist Protestant and Methodist Episcopal Churches merged at a union conference held at the State Teachers College in Salisbury, Md. in 1939."

As a member church of Millsboro Mission, St. Paul's Methodist Protestant Church was organized by the Rev. Thomas H. Burgess in 1866 in Sharp's School House, one and one-half miles southeast of Laurel, Del. on the Old Stage Road at Hearn's Crossroads. The original members were Elizabeth Gordy, Leah Gordy, W. L. Gordy, and John W. D. McGee.



## *The Old Country Church*

*"There is a place dear to me where I'm longing to be with my friends at the Old Country Church" That is the first line of an old song titled, "The Old Country Church."*

The country church is often lacking on resources, often with limited finances. It has little interest in a lot of formality, and rituals. It just wants to worship God in an old fashion way and allow him to supply the needs. It has a desire to see souls saved by kneeling at an old fashion altar of prayer.

The way the country church overcomes its limitations is with a closeness among its members strengthened by Christian love. Members who are willing to shake hands and show their love for each other. The church overcomes because of its willingness to serve.

St. Paul's is that little country church. For over 100 years, through tough times as well as some not so good. It has cried and laughed but has always remained faithful to serve the community and its members. In God's word, it is stated that *"the gates of hell shall not prevail against his church"*. We have overcome and will continue to do so by the Grace of God.

Carol and I have been blessed to serve and minister to the needs of St. Paul's.

Don & Carol Murray



A HEARTFELT THANKS to our Speaker and Singers and to You, who have helped to make todays Services a SUCCESS!

*Psalm 127: Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.*

*Mary Mears*

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N. J. Wootten's account,

Subscription

\$100.00

Aug 1868, N. J. Wootten took bill  
to furnish framing for church  
at \$1.25. per hundred ft.

2676 ft framing at 1.25 — \$33.45

2900 ft furnished from

Isaac Hardy timber at 25cts = ~~72.50~~

Cash paid

35.00

90.90

Feb 25, 1869, Balance due church, — 10.00

Wm Gorley sen

Subscription

\$100.00

Furnished oak sill,

24.75

1000 ft gavel, at 1.25 per hundred,

12.50

18. Studing

~~2.18~~

20 pound nails

1.40

1000 ft scaffolding boards (damaged)

10.00

Laid Isa S. Parker

60.00

111.83

Quartermaster to Pastor's salary,

11.83

withheld for church

10.00

\$ 1.83



Wm J. Godey  
 In Description \$35.00

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Paid cash to colored men         | 2.00    |
| To pay colored men               | 2.00    |
| Responsible to Colquhoun         | 3.25    |
| Responsible for lime             | 8.25    |
| nails bought                     | .20     |
| 4 days boarding bricklayers      | 2.00    |
| 8 days lathing                   | 3.75    |
| 8 1/2 days hauling with cart     | 7.00    |
| 2 1/2 days attending bricklayers | 3.12    |
| 1 day work                       | 1.25    |
|                                  | \$32.80 |

Sold 500 laths, \$1.00.

J. W. D. Magee  
 Subscription \$100.00

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Paid for brick lot          | <del>25.00</del> |
| Stamp                       | .60              |
| Paid Tarher                 | 25.00            |
| Paid for brick work         | 4.50             |
| 1 hand 1 1/2 days           | 1.50             |
| Paid Benton Godey for brick | 15.00            |
| for nails                   | 12.00            |
| 6 barrels lime at \$2.80    | 16.80            |
| 6000 laths at \$1.50        | 9.00             |
| To pay \$25.00 Tarher       | 25.00            |
| balance on agreement        | 25.00            |
|                             | 156.40           |
| 600 brick sold to           | 56.40            |
| Joseph Mason                | 6.00             |
| Balance due Magee           | 50.40            |

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Jonathan Kearn's           |                |
| Subscription               | \$50.00        |
| Subscription               | 5.00           |
| Elizabeth Kearn's subscrp. | 1.00           |
| Jonathan Kearn debtor      |                |
| to lumber bought           | 14.80          |
| 1/2 ceg nails              | 1.80           |
|                            | <u>\$71.80</u> |

Feb

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 600 brick                     | 6.00         |
| Laid flatting for brick work  | 5.00         |
| 1 1/2 days work               | 1.87         |
| Laid by order to J. S. Tisher | 50.00        |
| Order to Jonathan Kearn       |              |
| to pay J. S. Tisher           | 19.25        |
|                               | <u>76.12</u> |
| due Kearn                     | 4.88         |
| order from Elizab Kearn       | 2.00         |
| order to B. D. Philips        | 2.00         |
|                               | <u>4.00</u>  |
| Feb 27 <sup>th</sup> 69.      | <u>.92</u>   |

Jonathan Kearn, bought stones for church, an can claim them as his own till he receives the price paid, (25.00) twenty five dollars.

Osa S Parker's bill  
for constructing church

Paid by J. Gray, Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1850  
on agreement of Wm. G. G. -

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1850  
for Thomas Mason

\$ 300.00  
# 60.00  
# 180.00

To be paid by  
Wm. G. G. previously paid by  
J. H. S. Magel  
to be paid by  
J. W. F. Magel

paid 60.00  
25.00  
\$ 25.00  
# 300.00

The above account is  
correct as far as I know  
J. Gray  
missionary in charge

Account of the 50 acres of the miles  
 south of Laurel Del., as it stands  
 Feb 25. 1869

|   |  |                 |
|---|--|-----------------|
| Normal Bacon, subscription<br>furnished |  | \$100.00        |
| 757 ft flooring at 1.60.                |  |                 |
| 634 ft plank at 1.60.                   |  |                 |
| 409 ft plank at 1.60.                   |  |                 |
|   |  | <u>\$43.50</u>  |
| 76 ft plank, at 2.00                    |  |                 |
| 425 ft " " "                            |  |                 |
|   |  | 16.02           |
| 1101 ft plank at 2.25                   |  | 24.77           |
| 46 ft at 3.00.                          |  | 2.58            |
| hauling                                 |  | 1.63            |
| " "                                     |  | 40              |
| " "                                     |  | 2.20            |
| cash                                    |  | 10.00           |
|   |  | <u>\$100.23</u> |

|                           |  |                 |
|---------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Deer Barn<br>Subscription |  | \$100.00        |
| Subscription              |  | 5.00            |
|                           |  | <u>\$105.00</u> |
| 1/2 of 2900 ft framing    |  | 21.77           |
| 500 ft                    |  | 7.50            |
| Cash paid for shingles    |  | 65.00           |
| " " freight               |  | 3.50            |
| cash " "                  |  | 2.50            |
| cash paid                 |  | 5.00            |
|                           |  | <u>\$105.00</u> |

A Jackson Horse's  
donation.

Pat.

Bill for plaining of  
bill for hair (7 bushels)

40.49

3.50

43.99

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 67. Balance due 18.99

" " James Carey paid 9.50

Balance due 9.49

March 2<sup>d</sup> 1869

Accounts of bills paid,

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Thomas Bacon, for Lumber           | \$90.00          |
| Isaac Hearn, " Lumber              | 29.27            |
| Shingles and freight               | 68.50            |
| <del>Geo. W. Halsey, plaster</del> | <del>25.00</del> |
| J. Carey & Halsey, for labor       | 9.50             |
| W. J. Wooten, for lumber,          | 55.20            |
| Wm. Gody, do for lumber,           | 50.00            |
| Wm. J. Gody, credit on acct,       | 32.80            |
| paid J. W. J. Magee, on account,   | 75.00            |
| Johnathan Hearn                    | 76.10            |
| Clement C. Hearn, Waterbury,       | 45.00            |
| Nat Halsey, "                      | 35.70            |
| Geo. O'Neal - work                 | 9.50             |
| Nat & Elliott, work                | 22.75            |
| Elijah Hearn, - iron,              | 3.00             |
| Caloway, plaster,                  | 5.00             |
| for sash and door                  | 57.00            |
| Geo. S. Tinker                     | 265.00           |

To by order to Thomas Cannon to  
 pay Wm. Hasting, plaster 2.50  
 Amt paid on bills ————— \$950.89

Money collected on subscription, 861. —  
 Donation and deduction  
 by J. S. Tinker 16.50  
 Lumber sold to G. Hearn 14.00  
 nails sold, " 1.80  
 \$899.90

Feb 25. 1869

List of contributions to the  
First Church, a few miles south of Lansing

J. L. Magee \$10.00

N. A. Wooten 100.00 - due \$10.00

Wm Goady \$100.00

Isaac Kearn paid 100.00

Thomas Kearn pd 100.00

Johnathan Kearn pd 50.00

A. L. Moore pd 25.00

Nathaniel Koss pd 25.00

Jackson Koss pd 25.00

W. W. Sashell pd 20.00

N. A. S. Woot pd 25.00

Wm Goady pd 55.00

Wm Wheaty pd 15.00

Geo Omeal pd 10.00

A. J. ...

B. L. Goady pd 5.00

A. M. Kearn pd 2.50

Wm Kearn pd 4.00

Key Hastings pd 2.50

Elijah Kearn pd 5.00

Denton Goady pd 5.00

S. J. Wheaty pd 5.00

Charles Koss pd 2.00

Johnathan Kearn pd 5.00

Samuel Elliott pd 1.00

Thomas Omeal pd 1.00

N. A. Elliott pd 1.00

David Omeal pd 1.00

James H. Widdow pd 0.00

Geo H. Goady pd 2.00

Albert H. Hitch pd 2.00

\$ 801.00

List Continued,

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Mrs Richard      | p. 50.    |
| Elizabeth Spear  | p. 1.00   |
| Arthur Hitch     | p. 1.00   |
| Samuel Smith     | p. 5.00   |
| A. L. Long       | p. 5.00   |
| J. A. J. Collins | p. 1.00   |
| W. D. Hill       | p. 2.00   |
| Elizabeth Strong | p. 5.00   |
| Wm N. Hastings   | p. 5.00   |
| Denton G. Goddy  | p. 5.00   |
| Gibson Cannon    | p. 1.00   |
| Wm Mitchell      | p. 5.00   |
| Wm S. Moore      | p. 5.00   |
| Johnathan Moore  | p. 2.00   |
| Geo W. Wiley     | p. 1.00   |
| Dr. Tom Carson   | p. 2.00   |
| Wm Giles         | p. 1.00   |
| Thomas Workman   | p. 1.00   |
| James Collins    | p. 2.00   |
| James Giles      | p. 1.00   |
| Samuel Phillips  | p. 5.00   |
| Eli Hastings     | p. 1.00   |
| James Carey      | p. 5.00   |
| Jede Hastings    | p. 1.00   |
| John Windsor     | p. 2.00   |
| Lucin Mainright  | p. 1.00   |
| Mrs Lavinia Hunt | p. 2.00   |
|                  | <hr/>     |
|                  | \$ 65.00  |
|                  | 801.00    |
| Whole amt        | \$ 866.00 |
| Edward F. Wolf   | 5.00      |
| Whole amt        | <hr/>     |
|                  | \$ 871.00 |



As directed in the new  
M. T. Church,  
Feb. 26/1869.

To A. Jackson Morse  
\$15.43

To J. W. & Magee  
When he had settled all  
accounts as stated,  
\$500.00,

Balance of subscriptions  
due

A. J. Wooten \$10.00  
of Charley Morse. 5.00  
Prof. Frost. 10.00

Records of Sussex (Mission) Circuit of the Methodist  
Protestant Church. Sussex C. Delaware.

1865-1902.

HISTORY.

In 1865 Revs. Isaac T. Adkins commenced preaching at the Dorothy School-House in Broad Creek Hundred Sussex County, Delaware. In 1866, as reasonably as can be ascertained in the month of August a Methodist Protestant Church was organized by Revs. J. T. Adkins and Thomas H. Burgess.

The Maryland Annual Conference had previously in March 1865, set off Millsboro Mission, and appointed J. T. Adkins pastor. In 1866 no supply, although Bros Adkins & Burgess continued to preach at Millsboro, Roger's School House and Sharp's School House, Vaughan's School House and Sharp's School House. In 1869 T. H. Burgess was appointed to Millsboro Mission and the charge thereafter received regular supplies as this Register shows.

Rev. H. G. Cowan.

In 1869 the name of Millsboro Mission was changed by the Md. An. Conference to Lower Sussex Mission, and in 1872 by the same authority the title was altered to Sussex Mission.

Sussex Mission was changed to a circuit by the Conference of 1890.

In 1856, the church was remodeled and completed, not having been plastered previous to that time. Two acres of land were secured from John H. Ellis, on May 25, 1889 and on Feb. 20, 1891, another acre was secured from Thomas P. Dukes.

Additional land was donated, on May 30, 1902, by Martha J. Pollitt. Services are held regularly once each month. There is a graveyard beside the church. The Boyce family plot is enclosed with an iron fence. The oldest tombstone is dated 1840. The small plot in which two members of the Short family are buried is enclosed with a brick wall probably built about 1855. The ravages of time have left its marks on the wall.

Asbury Methodist Church (M.E.) is located eight miles n. e. of Laurel. The first church was built in 1812. On Mar. 12, of that year, trustees were elected. On May 16, the plot of land was donated by Minos Tindall. They were incorporated on Mar. 20, 1813. The first building was used until 1857 when a new church was erected. The church records were all destroyed when the custodian's home was burned. There is a large cemetery beside the church. The oldest tombstone is over the grave of Elizabeth Warren who died on Oct. 1, 1831. A short distance away was the location of Tindall's camp-ground which was dismantled in 1939.

St. Paul's Methodist Church (M.P.) is located near Hearn's Crossroads. It was organized, in 1863, in Sharp's School. In 1868, an effort to build a church was started and it was completed and was dedicated in 1871, by the Rev. W. D. Litsinger. The church was incorporated in February, 1897.

Mt. Zion Holy Church, colored, is located a short distance s. w. of Hearn's Crossroads. The church was organized in 1943. They meet in a house converted for church purposes. It was the former home of a colored Methodist church.

King's Methodist Church (M.E.) is located three and one-quarter miles east of Bacons. It was founded in 1842 when the first church was built. The half-acre church site was donated by Wm. King on Aug. 12, 1842. It was first called "Oak Grove," then called "Hepburn" after which the name "King's" was adopted. The original building was not plastered until 1848. A new church was built in 1884. The dedication services were held on Jan. 25, 1885, by the Revs. E. L. Hubbard and I. T. Fosnocht. More land was secured on Nov. 2, 1886 from Wm. F. King. The church was rebuilt in 1925. There is a small graveyard and a social-hall. The tombstones date back to 1857. There is one roofed-over grave.

Little Creek Primitive Baptist Church is located three miles east of Bacons. In 1802, Gillis Smith conveyed to trustees an acre of land near Marshall Smith's grist-mill. A church was erected and was called "Smith's Mills Church." Later, the name was changed to "Little Creek Church." Meetings are held once each month. There is a graveyard and a social-hall. The oldest tombstone is dated 1858.

Trinity Methodist Church (M.P.) is located six and one-half miles east of Laurel. This church was organized, in 1866, in the Dorothy schoolhouse under the name of the "Dorothy M. P. Church." On May 14, 1873, the trustees secured from Geo. W. McGee, forty sq. rods of land adjoining the

|                       |         |                      |         |
|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| G. D. Hamilton.....   | 1841    | A. S. Eversole.....  | 1855    |
| T. Remick.....        | 1841    | G. H. McFaden.....   | 1855    |
| G. D. Hamilton.....   | 1842    | A. S. Eversole.....  | 1856    |
| J. A. Jackson.....    | 1842    | B. F. Benson.....    | 1856    |
| Jno. H. Kennard.....  | 1843    | A. S. Eversole.....  | 1857    |
| R. Adkinson.....      | 1843    | F. G. Wright.....    | 1858    |
| D. F. Ewell.....      | 1844    | R. Livingstone.....  | 1858    |
| David A. Shermer..... | 1844    | B. F. Benson.....    | 1859    |
| D. F. Ewell.....      | 1845    | R. Whinna.....       | 1859    |
| J. McClelland.....    | 1845    | H. J. Day.....       | 1860    |
| L. W. Bates.....      | 1846-47 | H. Nice.....         | 1860    |
| H. J. Day.....        | 1846-47 | H. J. Day.....       | 1861    |
| W. C. Pool.....       | 1848    | J. Thompson.....     | 1861    |
| T. A. Moore.....      | 1848    | J. A. McFaden.....   | 1862    |
| H. P. Jordan.....     | 1849    | T. H. B. Austin..... | 1862    |
| J. W. Smiley.....     | 1849    | J. A. McFaden.....   | 1863    |
| H. P. Jordan.....     | 1850    | J. W. Gray.....      | 1863    |
| J. Shapley.....       | 1850    | J. A. McFaden.....   | 1864    |
| T. M. Wilson.....     | 1851    | S. T. Ferguson.....  | 1864    |
| J. Clay.....          | 1851    | A. D. Dick.....      | 1865-66 |
| T. M. Wilson.....     | 1852    | W. M. Strayer.....   | 1867    |
| J. F. Whiteside.....  | 1852    | S. A. Hoblitzel..... | 1868-70 |
| J. Morgan.....        | 1853    | C. T. Cochel.....    | 1871    |
| J. Thompson.....      | 1853    | A. T. Melvin.....    | 1872-73 |
| J. Morgan.....        | 1854    | S. T. Ferguson.....  | 1874-75 |
| A. D. Dick.....       | 1854    |                      |         |

During the year 1875 Providence was built, and Mount Moriah abandoned about that time or shortly afterwards, for in 1880 Mount Hermon was built.

|                     |         |                    |      |
|---------------------|---------|--------------------|------|
| W. G. Holmes.....   | 1876-79 | C. M. Thomson..... | 1883 |
| J. L. Straghan..... | 1880-82 |                    |      |

J. M. Elderdice was appointed in 1884, but died, and his son, Hugh L. Elderdice, finished out the year.

|                       |      |                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|-----------------------|------|
| Geo. R. McCready..... | 1885 | Geo. R. McCready..... | 1887 |
| A. A. Harriman.....   | 1886 |                       |      |

Mount Hermon Methodist Protestant Church was built in 1880 on land donated by John Cooper, Sen. to William G. Hearn, John Cooper, Major D. Bradley, Barney Beach and James F. Bradley, trustees. The church building is a one-story frame structure thirty-four by forty-four feet and was erected at a cost of one thousand dollars. The first membership was thirty-six, which by a steady growth has increased to fifty-eight. A Sunday-school of sixty members is held under the superintendency of James F. Bradley. The present trustees are the same as mentioned above. The church has been connected with the same circuit as Providence and has been supplied by the same pastors. Services are held once in two weeks.

St. Paul's Methodist Protestant Church was organized in 1866, in Sharp's school-house, by Rev. T. H. Burgess. The original members were Elizabeth Gordy, Leah Gordy, W. L. Gordy and John W. D. McGee. In 1868, under the pastorate of Rev. Jeremiah Clay, active measures were taken for the erection of a church building. The effort met with success, and three years later the edifice was dedicated by the pastor then in charge, Rev. W. D. Litsinger. It is a neat one-story frame structure, twenty-eight by thirty-eight feet, and cost eight hundred dollars. The church has a present membership of twenty-six. The following pastors have served since Rev. W. D. Litsinger: Revs. J. H. Ellegood, J. L. Leilich, William Crouse, J. M. Elderdice, J. E. Nicholson.

St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church, situate near the central part of the hundred, was begun in 1857 and completed the following year. Its erection was due to the labors of the Rev. Richard F. Cadle. The building was consecrated May 28, 1858, by Bishop Lee. Services were held previous to this for several years at the house of Stephen Ellis. The one-story frame structure, twenty-two by thirty-five feet, then erected on land purchased of Samuel Ralph, still stands and is used for worship. The first officers of the church were: Wardens, Samuel Kinney and Charles N. Moore; Vestry, C. W. Dickerson, Stephen Ellis, Jonathan Bailey, Isaac Giles and William J. Ralph.

There are at present about thirty communicants of this church. A Sunday-school of seventy members is held under the superintendence of Jackson L. Ralph.

The present officers of the church are: Wardens, Wm. J. Ralph and Wm. J. Knowles; Vestry, Geo. W. C. Ellis, Jonathan W. Ellis, Benj. B. Freeny, Levin W. Ellis, Jackson L. Ralph, Mathias R. Ellis, Stephen T. Ralph.

St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Chapel at Ellis Grove was erected in 1880, on land donated by Joseph Ellis. It is a one story-frame structure, twenty-eight by forty-four feet, and was first opened for services in June of that year. The valuation of the building is about twelve hundred dollars. Rev. George W. Johnson, its first rector, still officiates once in every two weeks. It is a mission chapel, and numbers about eight communicants. A flourishing Sunday-school, with sixty scholars, is connected with the chapel. Jacob H. Adams is the superintendent of the school.

Previous to 1802 the Baptists of Little Creek Hundred and vicinity worshipped in a house situated north of Delmar, on a farm now belonging to Wm. Hastings. In that year Gillis Smith conveyed to Charles Wildy and Levin Hitch, trustees, one acre of land north of Marshall Smith's grist-mill. On it, in the same year, was erected a one-story frame edifice, twenty-eight by thirty feet, at a cost of five hundred dollars. This was known as the Smith Mills Baptist Church until a meeting-house of the same faith was erected in Broad Creek Hundred, when the name was changed to Little Creek. In the following year the church was constituted, with thirty-nine members. The church then built still remains, but the congregation have in contemplation the erection of a new building in 1888. It is connected with the Salisbury Association and services are held the third Saturday and Sunday of every month. The number of communicants at present is fifty-four. In 1883 a lot of land in Delmar was purchased, and a neat one-story frame building, twenty-eight by thirty-six feet, was erected at the cost of one thousand dollars. This has never been constituted a church and is not in the association. It is used as a place of worship for the convenience of those living at a distance from the other churches. This congregation retains the doctrines of the Old

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| G. D. Hamilton.....1841   | A. S. Eversole.....1855     |
| T. Remick.....1841        | G. H. McFaden.....1855      |
| G. D. Hamilton.....1842   | A. S. Eversole.....1856     |
| J. A. Jackson.....1842    | B. F. Benson.....1856       |
| Jno. H. Kennard.....1843  | A. S. Eversole.....1857     |
| R. Adkinson.....1843      | F. G. Wright.....1858       |
| D. F. Ewell.....1844      | R. Livingstone.....1858     |
| David A. Sbermer.....1844 | B. F. Benson.....1859       |
| D. F. Ewell.....1845      | R. Whinna.....1859          |
| J. McClelland.....1845    | H. J. Day.....1860          |
| L. W. Bates.....1846-47   | H. Nice.....1860            |
| H. J. Day.....1846-47     | H. J. Day.....1861          |
| W. C. Pool.....1848       | J. Thompson.....1861        |
| T. A. Moore.....1848      | J. A. McFaden.....1862      |
| H. P. Jordan.....1849     | T. H. B. Austin.....1862    |
| J. W. Smiley.....1849     | J. A. McFaden.....1863      |
| H. P. Jordan.....1850     | J. W. Gray.....1863         |
| J. Shapsley.....1850      | J. A. McFaden.....1864      |
| T. M. Wilson.....1851     | S. T. Ferguson.....1864     |
| J. Clay.....1851          | A. D. Dick.....1865-66      |
| T. M. Wilson.....1852     | W. M. Strayer.....1867      |
| J. F. Whiteside.....1852  | S. A. Hoblitzel.....1868-70 |
| J. Morgan.....1853        | C. T. Cochel.....1871       |
| J. Thompson.....1853      | A. T. Melvin.....1872-73    |
| J. Morgan.....1854        | S. T. Ferguson.....1874-75  |
| A. D. Dick.....1854       |                             |

During the year 1875 Providence was built, and Mount Moriah abandoned about that time or shortly afterwards, for in 1880 Mount Hermon was built.

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| W. G. Holmes.....1876-79   | C. M. Thomson.....1883 |
| J. L. Straughn.....1880-82 |                        |

J. M. Elderdice was appointed in 1884, but died, and his son, Hugh L. Elderdice, finished out the year.

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| Geo. R. McCready.....1885 | Geo. R. McCready.....1887 |
| A. A. Harriman.....1886   |                           |

Mount Hermon Methodist Protestant Church was built in 1880 on land donated by John Cooper, Sen. to William G. Hearn, John Cooper, Major D. Bradley, Barney Beach and James F. Bradley, trustees. The church building is a one-story frame structure thirty-four by forty-four feet and was erected at a cost of one thousand dollars. The first membership was thirty-six, which by a steady growth has increased to fifty-eight. A Sunday-school of sixty members is held under the superintendency of James F. Bradley. The present trustees are the same as mentioned above. The church has been connected with the same circuit as Providence and has been supplied by the same pastors. Services are held once in two weeks.

St. Paul's Methodist Protestant Church was organized in 1866, in Sharp's school-house, by Rev. T. H. Burgess. The original members were Elizabeth Gordy, Leah Gordy, W. L. Gordy and John W. D. McGee. In 1868, under the pastorate of Rev. Jeremiah Clay, active measures were taken for the erection of a church building. The effort met with success, and three years later the edifice was dedicated by the pastor then in charge, Rev. W. D. Litsinger. It is a neat one-story frame structure, twenty-eight by thirty-eight feet, and cost eight hundred dollars. The church has a present membership of twenty-six. The following pastors have served since Rev. W. D. Litsinger: Revs. J. H. Ellegood, J. L. Leilich, William Crouse, J. M. Elderdice, J. E. Nicholson.

St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church, situated near the central part of the hundred, was begun in 1857 and completed the following year. Its erection was due to the labors of the Rev. Richard F. Cadle. The building was consecrated May 28, 1858, by Bishop Lee. Services were held previous to this for several years at the house of Stephen Ellis. The one-story frame structure, twenty-two by thirty-five feet, then erected on land purchased of Samuel Ralph, still stands and is used for worship. The first officers of the church were: Wardens, Samuel Kinney and Charles N. Moore; Vestry, C. W. Dickerson, Stephen Ellis, Jonathan Bailey, Isaac Giles and William J. Ralph.

There are at present about thirty communicants of this church. A Sunday-school of seventy members is held under the superintendence of Jackson L. Ralph.

The present officers of the church are: Wardens, Wm. J. Ralph and Wm. J. Knowles; Vestry, Geo. W. C. Ellis, Jonathan W. Ellis, Benj. B. Freeny, Levin W. Ellis, Jackson L. Ralph, Mathias R. Ellis, Stephen T. Ralph.

St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Chapel at Ellis Grove was erected in 1880, on land donated by Joseph Ellis. It is a one story-frame structure, twenty-eight by forty-four feet, and was first opened for services in June of that year. The valuation of the building is about twelve hundred dollars. Rev. George W. Johnson, its first rector, still officiates once in every two weeks. It is a mission chapel, and numbers about eight communicants. A flourishing Sunday-school, with sixty scholars, is connected with the chapel. Jacob H. Adams is the superintendent of the school.

Previous to 1802 the Baptists of Little Creek Hundred and vicinity worshipped in a house situated north of Delmar, on a farm now belonging to Wm. Hastings. In that year Gillis Smith conveyed to Charles Wildy and Levin Hitch, trustees, one acre of land north of Marshall Smith's grist-mill. On it, in the same year, was erected a one-story frame edifice, twenty-eight by thirty feet, at a cost of five hundred dollars. This was known as the Smith Mills Baptist Church until a meeting-house of the same faith was erected in Broad Creek Hundred, when the name was changed to Little Creek. In the following year the church was constituted, with thirty-nine members. The church then built still remains, but the congregation have in contemplation the erection of a new building in 1888. It is connected with the Salisbury Association and services are held the third Saturday and Sunday of every month. The number of communicants at present is fifty-four. In 1883 a lot of land in Delmar was purchased, and a neat one-story frame building, twenty-eight by thirty-six feet, was erected at the cost of one thousand dollars. This has never been constituted a church and is not in the association. It is used as a place of worship for the convenience of those living at a distance from the other churches. This congregation retains the doctrines of the Old

St Pauls  
United Methodist Church

St Pauls United Methodist church was organized in 1863 and held services in Sharps School, a one room school house located less than one half mile from this site. In 1868, during the pastorate of the Rev. Jeremiah Clay, active measures were taken to erect this church building. It was completed and dedicated in 1871 by Rev. W. D. Litsinger and incorporated in Feb. 1897.

The community house was added in 1924. Two rooms connecting the church and community house were added in 1951 and four Sunday school rooms added in 1964.

Many improvements have been made over the years and many souls saved.



DELAWARE CHURCH ARCHIVES

Sussex Circuit; changed to Seaford in 1877. Present building was dedicated in 1897. It is a brick structure with a tower and bell. There are several memorial tablets in the auditorium. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. M. Elderdice, 1871-72. See: Rev. J. M. Elderdice, historical sketch, in register (1897).

Minutes, 1897--, 1 vol.; in possession of A. J. Lank. Register, 1868--, 3 vols.; in possession of Rev. Dr. Edward E. Coleman. Financial, 1897--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Charles Wheatley, Pine St. Sunday School, 1932--, 12 vols.; in church office. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AAE53, p. 508; vol. AAR65, p. 251; vol. AAW70, p. 389.

- 441. GETHSEMANE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1851--, Reliance.

Organized 1851. First services were held in a one story frame building on present site. In 1872 this building was torn down and a two story frame building was erected. Second floor was used as a Masonic lodge room. This was used until 1905 when the present building was dedicated. A one story frame building with belfry and bell. Stained glass windows. Gethsemane and Mt. Olivet, Seaford (entry 440), have always been served by the same pastor.

Minutes, 1852--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mrs. Ira Tull. Register, 1852--, 2 vols.; in possession of Rev. Edward E. Coleman, Seaford. Financial, 1925--, 1 vol.; in possession of A. H. Smith. Sunday School, 1925--, 1 vol.; in church office. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AAL59, p. 491; vol. DEQ195, p. 413.

- 442. MILTON METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1857--, Union St., Milton.

Organized and present building dedicated in 1857. It was rebuilt in 1906. It is a one story frame structure with tower and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. Thomas Moore, 1857-59. See: George R. Davidson, a church history (1926) manuscript in author's possession.

Minutes, 1935--, 1 vol.; in possession of Charles T. Vent. Register, 1874--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Gilbert Ross. Financial, 1900--, 1 vol.; in possession of Clyde Betts. Sunday School, 1919--, 1 vol.; in church. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. AAQ64, p. 355; vol. BT93, p. 352; vol. BBZ125, p. 497; vol. CCQ142, p. 403; vol. DEC181, p. 95; vol. DEQ195, p. 517; vol. DEC259, p. 355; vol. DIH290, p. 46.

- 443. PROVIDENCE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1861--, 4 1/2 miles S. of Georgetown.

Organized in 1861. Originally known as Piney Grove Church. Services were held in the schoolhouse until 1886 when present building was dedicated. It is a one story frame building. First settled clergyman, Rev. Isaac T. Adkins, 1861-65; educated at Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md.

Minutes, 1924--, 1 vol.; Register, 1924--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. W. T. Archer, Dagsboro. Register, 1876-1924, 2 vols.; in possession of Rev. Lee Elliott, Laurel. Financial, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of treasurer, Otha J. Pepper, R.F.D., Georgetown. Sunday School, 1900--, 1 vol.; in church safe. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BP89, p. 198; vol. ~~BBG100, p. 493~~; vol. ~~DGS249, p. 179~~.

- 444. ST. PAUL'S METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1864--, near Laurel.

Organized 1864. Frame building. Sunday school services were discontinued

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*St. John's M. P.*

*1858--*

*Bethel School 1928*

DELAWARE CHURCH ARCHIVES

in 1925. First settled clergyman, Rev. Henry Clay, tenure unknown.  
Minutes, 1864--, 1 vol.; Register, 1864--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Lee Elliott, Laurel. Financial, 1864--, 2 vols.; Sunday School, 1893-1925, 1 vol.; kept in church.

445. TRINITY METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1866--, 6½ miles E. of Laurel.

Organized 1866. Services were held in the schoolhouse until 1873 when present building was dedicated. It was rebuilt in 1907. It is a one story frame building. First settled clergyman, Rev. William D. Litsinger, 1871-74; educated at Western Maryland College and Seminary, Westminster, Md.

Minutes, 1928--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1928--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mr. L. B. Brittingham, R.F.D., Laurel. Register, 1873--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Lee Elliott. Sunday School, 1925--, 1 vol.; in church. Record of incorporation: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBH107, p. 365.

446. REYNOLD'S METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1869--, 2 miles NW of Milton.

Organized and incorporated October 9, 1869. First church, a one story frame building, destroyed by fire on day of dedication. Present building dedicated 1871. A one story frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. A. D. Melvin, 1870-73; educated at Western Maryland College and Seminary, Westminster, Md.

Minutes, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of Morris Dodd. Register, 1906--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. P. M. R. Schauer, Harbeson. Financial, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of Henry Bennett. Sunday School, 1930--, 1 vol.; in possession of Helen Donovan. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BF79, p. 497; vol. CCA126, p. 45; vol. DGS249, pp. 593 and 595.

447. MT. HERMON METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1877--, ½ mile S. of Columbia.

Organized 1877. Incorporated 1909. Services were held in the schoolhouse until 1880 when the present church was dedicated. It was rebuilt in 1908. A one story frame structure with belfry. First settled clergyman, Rev. John L. Straughn, 1879-84; educated at Western Maryland College and Seminary, Westminster, Md.

Minutes, 1880--, 1 vol.; in possession of A. J. Cooper, R.F.D., Delmar. Register, 1880--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. M. E. Hungerford, Sharpstown, Md. Financial, 1880--, 1 vol.; in possession of Earl Cooper, R.F.D., Delmar. Sunday School, 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of O. Beach, R.F.D., Delmar. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BT93, p. 303; vol. DDQ168, p. 205.

448. FIRST METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1880--, 36th and Washington Sts., Wilmington.

*Organized 1844*

Organized and incorporated January 9, 1880 under the sponsorship of the Methodist Protestant Convention of Baltimore (see forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland). Services were held in a two story brick building at 7th and Walnut Sts., now the Grace African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (entry 419), until 1930 when the present church was opened and dedicated. Two story stone structure. Gothic style. First settled clergy-

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# This DEED, MADE THE

*5<sup>th</sup>* day of *MAY*

in the year of our LORD,

one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six.

**Between** FRED L. WARD and DORA T. WARD, his wife, of R. D. 2, Laurel, Sussex County, Delaware, parties of the first part,

A N D

THE TRUSTEES OF ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH, Laurel, Sussex County, Delaware, parties of the second part.

**Witnesseth,** That the said part ies of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) -----  
----- lawful money of the United States of America,  
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grant and convey unto the said part ies of the second part,

**All** that certain tract, piece and parcel of land, lying and being situate in Little Creek Hundred, Sussex County, State of Delaware, more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a concrete monument on the easterly right-of-way line of County Road No. 63, being approximately .4 mile from Hearn's Crossroads, and being a corner of these lands and lands now or formerly of Fred L. Ward, et ux.; thence with the lands of said Fred L. Ward, et ux.. Southeast 72° 161 feet to a concrete monument; thence Northwest 37° 25', 155 feet to a concrete monument; thence Northwest 2° 35', 43 feet to the point of beginning, said to contain 3332.0 feet, be the same more or less, and as more particularly shown on a plot of said lands prepared by Harold L. Cook, P.L.S., in October, 1963.

Being a portion of those lands conveyed unto these grantors by deed of Merrill G. King and Nettie B. King, his wife, dated December 8, 1952, and of record in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, in and for Sussex County, at Deed Book 416, page 42.

State of Delaware  
RECORDERS OFFICE  
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REALTY TRANSFER TAX  
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In Witness Whereof, The said parties of the first part have hereunto set hands and seals, the day and year aforesaid.

SEALED AND DELIVERED in the presence of

Handwritten signatures of witnesses, including "Harold H. Hatcher".

Sealed signatures of Fred L. Ward and Dora T. Ward, with "(Seal)" markings.

State of Delaware, SUSSEX County, ss.

Be It Remembered, that on this 30 day of MAY in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six, personally came before me, the Subscriber, a Notary Public for the State and County aforesaid, FRED L. WARD and DORA T. WARD, his wife,

THIS 31 day of MAY 1976, at SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE, before me, ARNOLD L. SAVAGE, Notary Public.

Parties to this Indenture, known to me personally to be such, and they did acknowledge this Indenture to be their Deed.

GIVEN under my hand and Seal of Office, the day and year aforesaid

Notary Public seal and signature of Arnold L. Savage.

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Trustees St. Paul's Methodist Church  
% Carroll L. Carding  
Route 1  
Delaware, Del.  
9-10-76

# This Deed, Made this

24<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of

our LORD one thousand nine hundred and SIXTY

BETWEEN, FRED L. WARD and DORA T. WARD, his wife, of R. D. Laurel, Delaware, parties of the first part,

AND

TRUSTEES OF ST. PAULS METHODIST CHURCH, Laurel, Delaware, parties of the second part.

**Witnesseth,** That the said part 1st of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration-----

lawful money of the United States of America,

the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grant and convey unto the said part 1st of the second part,

**ALL** That certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Little Creek Hundred, Sussex County, State of Delaware, on the eastern and northern side of lands presently owned by St. Pauls Methodist Church, and adjoining other lands now or formerly of Fred L. Ward, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a concrete marker which is located southeast 72 degrees 161 feet from another concrete marker near an electric light pole, on the eastern side of the road leading from Hearn's Cross Roads to Salisbury; said first mentioned concrete marker, being a corner for the lands herein conveyed, other lands of St. Pauls Methodist Church, and lands now or formerly of Fred L. Ward, thence with said Ward land southeast 72 degrees 97.7 feet to a stake, thence southeast 2 degrees 15 minutes 106 feet to a concrete marker and other lands of St. Pauls Methodist Church, thence with said Church land northwest 87 degrees 25 minutes 95 feet to a concrete marker, thence northwest 2 degrees 15 minutes 132 feet to the concrete marker and place of beginning, said to contain 11,205 square feet of land, more or less, and surveyed and plotted by Harold L. Cook in 1960.

BEING A PART of the same land which was conveyed to Fred L. Ward and Dora T. Ward, his wife, by deed from Merrill G. King and Nettie B. King, his wife, dated the 8th day of December, A. D. 1952, and recorded at Georgetown, Delaware, in Deed Record Vol. 416, Page 42 &c., the 8th day of December, A. D. 1952.

In Witness Whereof, the said part 1st of the first part he vs herunto or their hand & seal on the day and year aforesaid.

Executed and Delivered in the Presence of

*[Handwritten signatures of witnesses]*

Fred L. Ward SEAL  
Fred L. Ward  
Dora T. Ward SEAL  
Dora T. Ward



State of Delaware, }  
Sussex County, } ss.

24<sup>th</sup> day of June

Be It Remembered, That on this in the year of our LORD one thousand

nine hundred and Sixty personally came before me: the Subscriber, a Notary Public for the State and County aforesaid, Fred L. Ward, and Dora T. Ward, his wife,

part 1st to this Indenture, known to me personally to be such, and severally acknowledged this Indenture to be their Deed.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal of office, the day and year aforesaid.

*[Handwritten signature of Notary Public]*  
Notary Public

PURCHASERS REPORT MADE

This 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1960  
Board of Assessment of Sussex County  
By *[Handwritten signature]*

RECEIVED FOR RECORD  
June 27 D. 1960  
E. EDWARD VEASEY, Recorder

**This Deed, Made this** \_\_\_\_\_

Twenty-fifth \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ FEBRUAR \_\_\_\_\_

in the year of our LORD one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four (1954)

BETWEEN, FRED L. WARD and DORA T. WARD, his Wife, of Little Creek Hundred, Sussex County, State of Delaware, parties of the first part

AND

TRUSTEES OF ST. PAULS CHURCH, of Little Creek Hundred, Sussex County, State of Delaware, parties of the second part

**Witnesseth**, That the said part 1st \_\_\_\_\_ of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) and other valuable considerations \_\_\_\_\_

lawful money of the United States of America, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby grant and convey unto the said part 1st \_\_\_\_\_ of the second part,

**ALL**

That certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Little Creek Hundred, Sussex County, State of Delaware, lying on the East side of the Old Stage Road leading from Hearn's Cross Roads to Salisbury, Maryland, adjoining St. Pauls Church Lot and Fred L. Ward on the North, lands of Fred L. Ward on the East and South, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a concrete marker at the Southwest corner of the lot hereby conveyed at the Eastern boundary line of the Old Stage Road, and running thence with line of said Road Northwest 2 degrees 35 minutes 250 feet to a concrete marker, and a corner of St. Pauls Church Lot, thence with said St. Pauls Church lot and Fred L. Ward land Southeast 87 degrees 25 minutes 250 feet to a Concrete Marker, thence Southeast 2 degrees 35 minutes 250 feet to a Concrete Marker, thence Northwest 87 degrees 25 minutes 250 feet to a Concrete Marker and place of beginning, containing 62,500 square feet of land be it the same more or less.


THE courses and distances are as shown on a plot made by Harold L. Cook, land surveyor in October 1953.

BEING a portion of the same lands and premises that were conveyed to Fred L. Ward and Dora T. Ward, his Wife, by Deed of Merrill G. King and Nettie S. King, his Wife, dated the 8th day of December, A. D. 1952, and recorded in the Office for the Recording of Deeds at Georgetown, Delaware, in Deed Record \_\_\_\_\_, Vol. 416, Page 42 &amp;c., the 8th day of December, A. D. 1952.

In Witness Whereof, the said part les of the first part he ve hereunto set their hands and seal e the day and year aforesaid.

Sealed and Witnessed to the Presence of

Shirley R. Brown  
Miss R. Brown

Fred L Ward 

Dora T Ward 

State of Delaware.

SUSSEX

County


ss.



For It Remembered, That on this Twenty-Fifth-----day of -----February----- in the year of our LORD one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four (1954)----- personally came before me, the Subscriber, a Notary Public for the State of Delaware, FRED L. WARD and DORA T. WARD, his Wife

part les to this Indenture, known to me personally to be such, and they acknowledged this Indenture to be their Deed.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal of office, the day and year aforesaid.

Shirley R. Brown  
Notary Public  


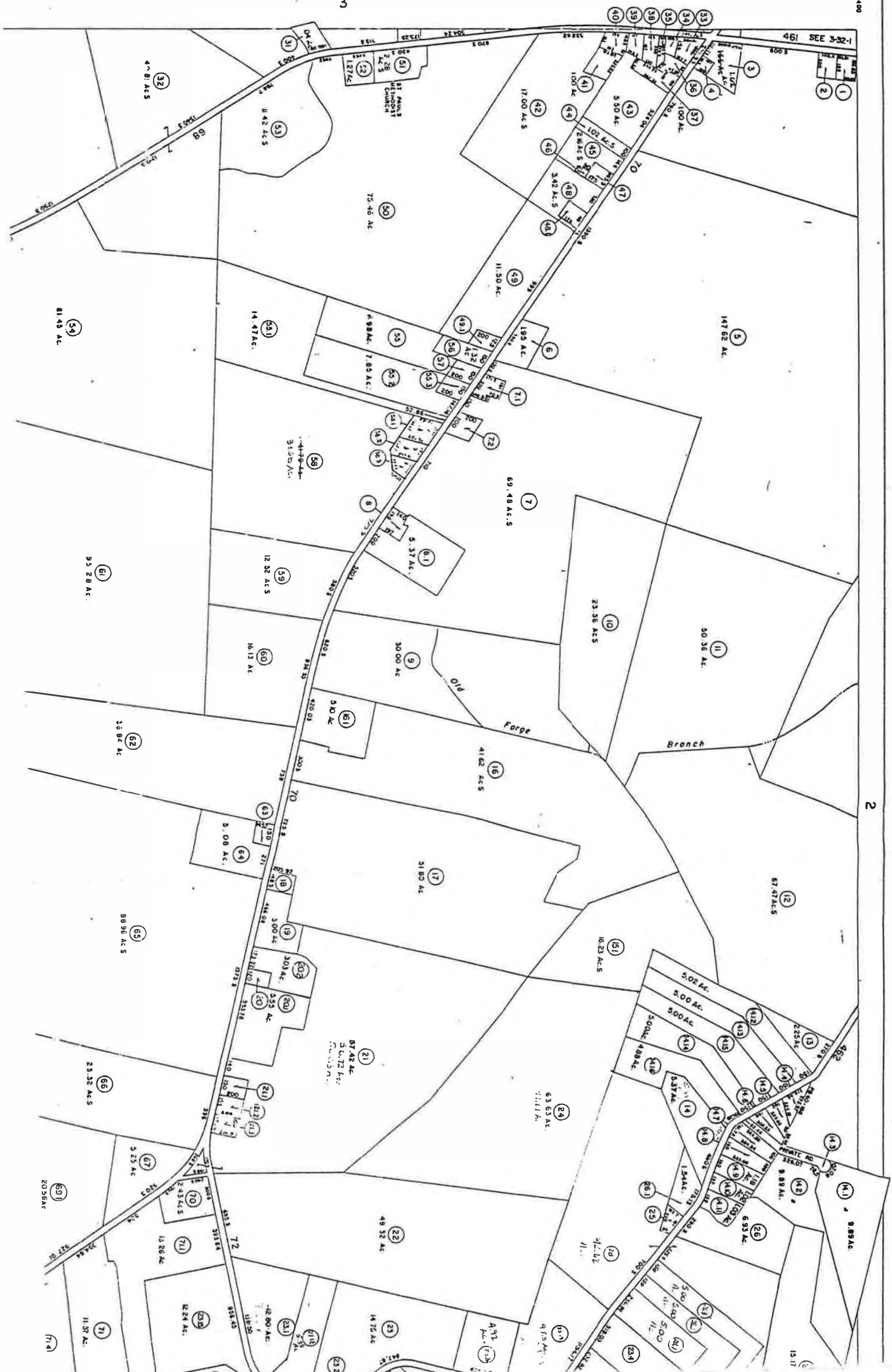
PURCHASERS REPORT MADE

This 2nd Day of March, 1954  
Board of Assessment of Sussex County

By Charles F. Hudson,  
Clerk.

RECEIVED FOR RECORD

March 2nd A. D. 1954  
CHARLES F. HUDSON, Recorder



from her husband acknowledged that she executed the said indenture willingly without compulsion or threats or fear of her husband's displeasure without my hand and official seal at Laurel this day and year above written.

Geo W Deane M. D.

This deed was lodged in the Recorder's office in and for Sussex County August the 25th A.D. 1865,  
Geo. W. Davis Recorder

Went the Trustees of the Missionary Society of the M. P. Church  
John Thomas & Cannon.

This Indenture made the twenty first day of August in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty eight Between Thomas & Cannon of the Town of Laurel in the County of Sussex and State of Delaware of the first part and Thomas Bacon, William Gordy, John, W. D. Meigs, William S. Hancy, Nathaniel Wothers, Isaac Deane and Nathaniel Elliott, Trustees of the Missionary Society of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in Little Creek situated in said County, Wt. Del., that the said Thomas & Cannon for and in consideration of the sum of twenty five dollars, lawful money of the United States, to him in hand, paid by the said Trustees as aforesaid at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey, release, convey and confirm unto the said Trustees and their Successors in office for the use of the Methodist Protestant Society subject to the laws of the said Missionary Society and the Constitution and Discipline of the said Church, all that certain lot, Piece or Parcel of land situated in Little Creek situated in the County and State aforesaid bounded as follows Commencing at a post in the Public Road that leads from Laurel to Salisbury thence along said Road southe two and a quarter degree East Eight rods thence leaving said Road north Eighty seven and three quarter degrees East ten Rods to a post, north two and a quarter degree West Eight rods to a post and thence South Eighty seven and three quarter degrees West ten rods, thence containing one half acre of land be it the same more or less. And all and singular, the buildings, improvements, fixtures, ways, woods, waters, water-courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining and the revenues and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of him the said Thomas & Cannon at law or in equity, of, to, in or out of the same and every part and parcel thereof, to have and to hold the land and premises hereby bargained and sold, or intended to be, with the appurtenances unto the said Trustees as aforesaid and their Successors in office to and for the only proper use benefit and behoof of the said Trustees as aforesaid and their Successors in office forever; and the said Thomas & Cannon for himself and his heirs, executors, and administrators doth hereby further grant covenant and agree, to and with the said Trustees as aforesaid and their Successors in office that the lands and premises hereby bargained and sold, or intended to be, with the appurtenances, against him the said Thom



as & his heirs, executors and administrators, and against all persons claiming, or lawfully to claim the same, or any part or parcel thereof by through, force or under-tenure, unto the said Thomas & Lawrence and their successors in office he the said Thomas & Lawrence shall and will warrant and forever defend, in witness whereof the said Thomas & Lawrence have hereunto respectively set my hand and seal the day and year first herein written, signed, sealed and observed

in presence of  
 James S. Elliott  
 James M. Lyles

N.D. Stamp 50 cents,





State of Delaware, Be it Remembered, that on the twenty first day of August, in Sussex County, the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight, personally came before me James M. Lyles a Notary Public in and for the County aforesaid Thomas & Lawrence party to this Indenture known to me personally to be such and acknowledged this Indenture to be his act and deed. Given under my hand and seal of office, the day and year aforesaid





James M. Lyles Notary Public

This deed was lodged in the Recorder's office in and for Sussex County August 25<sup>th</sup> 1868,  
 Geo. M. Clark Recorder

Deed of Henry Hastings George Marga & Mary E. Cooper,  
 This Indenture, made the eighth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight, between Marga and Mary E. Cooper of Broad Creek Hundred in the County of Sussex and State of Delaware of the first part, and Henry Hastings of the same place of the second part, witnesseth, that the said Marga and Mary E. Cooper for, and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred and forty dollars, lawful money of the United States, to them in hand, paid by the said Henry Hastings, at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey, release, convey and confirm unto the said Henry Hastings and his heirs and assigns, all their right, title, interest claim and demand whatsoever of into or out of all that certain messuage, tenement, tract piece or parcel of land situated in the Hundred County and State aforesaid adjoining lands of Benjamin S. Cook, Charles Abbott and others, it being the same tract, piece or parcel of land that William March purchased of De las Marins containing about one hundred and sixty acres of land be it the same more or less, and all and singular, the buildings, improvements, fixtures, ways, woods, waters, water-courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto 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 demand whatsoever of them the said Marga and Mary E. Cooper at law or in equity of, to, in or out of the same, and every part and parcel thereof sold, or intended to be, with the appurtenances unto the said Henry

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H. N. Worsey   
H. O. Cook   
S. H. Elliott   
James E. Collins 

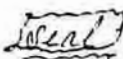
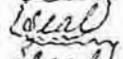
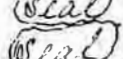
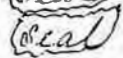

William H. Bybee   
S. A. Cooper   
Andrew S. Worsey   
Hudson W. Alley 

Need for record March 18<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1897

Jos B. Keam Recorder

This is to certify, that at a meeting of the qualified members of St. Pauls  
Methodist Church on Sussex Circuit, held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1897 after due  
notice given in accordance with the law of the State of Delaware, by  
posting said notice on the front door of the house of meeting at least  
ten days prior to said meeting the duly designated seven duly elected  
trustees for said St. Pauls Methodist Church, And we do hereby  
make application as required by the law of Delaware for incorporation.  
Witness our hands and seal this day of July 1897

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March 18<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1897

G. H. Otwell   
E. J. Dwyer   
Elijah Cliphart   
J. W. Cordy   
J. S. Kinckor 

Jos B. Keam Recorder

An Act to divorce James A. Daniels from his wife Eliza J. Daniels  
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State  
of Delaware in General Assembly met: Section 1. That the bonds of mar-  
riage now existing between James A. Daniels and Eliza J. Daniels  
be and the same are hereby dissolved.  
Section 2. That James A. Daniels he and he is hereby divorced from  
his wife Eliza J. Daniels a vinculo matrimonii.  
Section 3. That this act shall be deemed and taken to be a private act.  
Passed at Dover April 12<sup>th</sup> 1897

Secretarys office  
1653 Delaware 1790

Wes Harrington  
Speaker of the Senate

Emory E. Higgins  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

State of Delaware

Executive Department

I William H. Worsey Secretary of State of the State of Delaware do hereby  
certify that the a. r. and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an  
act entitled "An Act to divorce James A. Daniels from his wife  
Eliza J. Daniels," passed at Dover April 12<sup>th</sup> 1897 as the same appears  
to file in this office in testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my  
hand and official seal at Dover this twentieth day of April in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven

need for record  
May 4<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1897

W. H. Worsey  
Secretary of State

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