

and therein, and in further trust, the afo. trustees and their heirs
 "as forever unto Governor's House and premises according to the
 discipline of afo. Church: further that if the said trustees or any
 of them, or their successors have advanced or shall advance any
 sum or sums of money or are or shall be responsible for any
 sum or sums of money on account of S. House or premises, and
 they S. trustees or their successors be obliged to pay the S. sum
 or sums of money, they or a majority of them shall be authorized
 to raise the S. sum or sums of money by a Mortgage on said
 House & premises or by selling said House and premises after
 notice given to the Preacher &c according to discipline, and
 the afo. S. Denmark and Priscilla his wife do by the present
 Warrant and Inven depend all and singular the aforesaid
 named & described lot or piece of land with the appurtenances
 thereunto belonging, unto them the S. trustees and their suc-
 "cessors forever from the claim or claims of him the said Day
 worthy Herricksen his heirs and assigns, and from the claim
 or claims of all persons whatsoever, In testimony whereof
 the S. S. Denmark & Priscilla his wife have hereunto set
 their hand and the day and Year above mentioned

Witness my hand & seal
 in the presence of us
 Aaron Manuel, J. A. Coving
 State of Delaware

Day worthy Denmark
 Priscilla Denmark

Be it remembered that on the ninth day
 of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
 and thirty eight Day worthy Denmark and Priscilla Denmark
 his wife named in this Indenture personally came
 before me G. A. Coving a Notary and Publick Officer of the
 State afo. and did acknowledge the same Indenture to be
 their act and deed respectively, and that on the same day
 the said Priscilla Denmark Wife of the said Day worthy Denmark
 Son being present & examined by me apart from her husband
 acknowledged that she executed said Indenture willingly without
 Compulsion or threat, or Fear of her husband's displeasure.
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
 affixed my Notarial Seal the day and Year afo.

G. A. Coving A. P.

This deed was lodged in the recording office in and for Sussex
 County on the fifteenth day of March Eighteen hundred and thirty
 eight
 A. P. Harris Recorder

God James Bennett from William Evans Wife
 This Indenture made this nineteenth day of September in the
 Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven bet
 "ween William Evans and Nettasiah his wife of Sussex County
 and State of Delaware of the one part and James Bennett of
 the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth
 that they the said William Evans and Nettasiah his wife
 for and in Consideration of the sum of 24 cents current lawful
 Money of the State of Delaware aforesaid to them in hand paid
 before the sealing and delivery of these presents, by the aforesaid
 James Bennett the receipt whereof they the said William
 Evans and Nettasiah his wife do hereby acknowledge and
 give every part and parcel thereof do hereby acquit, release
 and discharge him the said James Bennett his heirs and
 assigns forever Have granted bargained & sold and by these
 presents do grant bargain and sell unto him the said
 James Bennett his heirs and assigns forever all of our
 Right title Interest and Claim of us and to the thirds or down
 or laid off to Sally Evans Widow of my the said William
 Evans Nathaniel Evans dec. Child situated in Baltimore
 Hundred County and State aforesaid, a reference being had to
 the Report of the Commissioners or Freeholders being had will
 more fully and at large appear, to have and to hold the above
 mentioned and described granted and bargained premises

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of Daniel Bunker Cook
the clerk in the county third line from the top on the first page was made before

Ben. Bunker Cook
Thomas M. McSwaine
State of Delaware Superior County: Be it Remembered that on the tenth
day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
eighty eight before the undersigned two of the Justices of the Peace in and for Sussex
County and Watafawana Daniel Bunker Cook named in this indenture personally
appeared and acknowledged said indenture to be his act and deed and desired
that it might be recorded. In testimony whereof he hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year
aforesaid

This deed was laid in the Recording office in and for the County of Sussex
on the twenty sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and eighty nine.
C. B. Giffle Recorder

Daniel M. Brewster Recording Secretary of Angola Methodist Church
known by the name of Councils Chapel

Certificate = There was a meeting of the members of the Methodist
Church at the School House Angola District No 19 the ninth day of
February one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight the usual place
of worship of said members after having been advertised according to laws
at which time and place the Rev. William Courtenay was called to the
chair & Daniel M. Brewster was appointed Secretary Pres. Term, at which
time and place the following trustees were elected for the ensuing meeting
Hiram and premises known by the name of Councils Chapel, viz Daniel
M. Brewster Recording Secretary, William T. Harrant Laird Warrana, Luther
Willy, & William P. Spence.

This Certificate was laid in the Recorder's office on the twenty sixth day
of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine
C. B. Giffle Recorder

Jonathan Dickerson from Joshua McColey Wife

This Indenture made this ninth day of March in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and thirty two between Joshua McColey of
Nantuxco hundred in the County of Sussex and State of Delaware and
Piscilla his wife of the one part and Jonathan Dickerson of the hundred
of Watafawana and County aforesaid of the other part Peter Spence and the said
Joshua McColey and Piscilla his wife for and in consideration of an
exchange of land and of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to them
in hand paid or secured to be paid by the said Jonathan Dickerson at or
before the sealing and delivery hereof the receipt whereof by the said
Joshua McColey and Piscilla his wife do hereby acknowledge and
themselves therewith fully satisfied contented and paid have granted
bargained and sold and by their presents do grant bargain and
sell convey and confirm unto the said Jonathan Dickerson his heirs and
assigns forever all that tract part of a tract piece or parcel of land said
to contain about twenty five acres in the whole tract (one half of
which said tract is intended to be hereby conveyed that is to say all
the land of said tract on the south side of a large ditch of Ellis
wards that runs across the said tract of land which said land
was conveyed by a certain Jonathan Dickerson the Elder to his son Jonathan
Dickerson by a conveyance Bond bearing date the first day of December
in seventeen hundred and thirty seven and recorded in the office
for Recording of Deeds in and for Sussex County in Libro A. 4. No 21 plus
23 of same being had to said Bond will more fully appear. It
has and to hold the before mentioned piece of parcel of land aforesaid
said on the south side of said ditch, with all and singular the
Buildings Improvements, Hereditaments and appurtenances to the
same belonging or in any wise appertaining to the said Jonathan
Dickerson his heirs or assigns or assigns to the only proper use benefit
and behoof of the said Jonathan Dickerson his heirs and assigns
forever. In Testimony whereof the said Joshua McColey and
Piscilla his wife have hereunto set their hands and affixed their
deals the day and year full above written.

personally came before me, the subscribers, a Notary Public
for the State of Delaware, Lizzie A. Cahall, party to
this indenture, known to me personally to
be such, and acknowledged this indenture
appointed Jan. 2, 1912
for term
of office, the day and year last above written.

Harry C. Layton,
Notary Public.

my Commission expires Jan. 2, 1913.

Received for Record, Sept. 6th, A. D. 1912.

Harvey F. Wolfe, Recorder.

Deed: Dagsworthy D. Burton to Trus. of Conley's M. E. Church.

This Indenture, made the third day of September
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred
and twelve between Dagsworthy D. Burton (widower), of Angola,
Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, party of
the first part, and William W. Mustard, Wesley C. Hopkins,
John A. March, John B. Massey, John B. Steele, Simon D. Walls,
Josiah D. Wall and Elmer W. McColley, Trustees of Conley's
Methodist Episcopal Church, parties of the second part,
witnesseth, that the said party of the first part, for and
in consideration of the sum of Two hundred & 00/100
Dollars (\$200.00) current lawful money of the United States
of America, unto him well and truly paid by the said
parties of the second part, at and before the sealing
and Delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is truly
acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, en-
feoffed, released, conveyed, and confirmed, and by these
presents does grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release,
convey, and confirm unto the said parties of the second
part and their successors in office and assigns, All that
certain tract, piece and parcel of land situate, lying
and being in Indian River Hundred, Sussex County,
Delaware, adjoining lands of Dagsworthy D. Burton and
lands of the Trustees of Conley's Methodist Episcopal Church
the meter and bounds of which are as follows, to wit:-
Beginning at a post on the Southwest edge of the
Public road leading from Coolspring to Conley's M. E.
Church; thence with said road South forty-four and
one fourth degrees East one hundred and seventy-two
feet to a post, a Corner for lands of the Trustees of
Conley's Methodist Episcopal Church; thence with said
lands the following two lines:- South forty-five and
one half degrees West one hundred and thirty-nine
and one half feet to a stone, thence South forty-four
and one half degrees East two hundred and nine feet
to a post at the Northwest edge of the Public road

leading from Benleys M. E. Church to Angola, thence with
said road South two and one fourth degree west thirty
one feet to a post, thence leaving said road and running
with other lands of said Dagworthy D. Burton the following
two lines: North forty, four and one half degree west three
hundred and ninety nine feet to a post, thence north
forty, five and one half degree East, six hundred and
sixty, three and eight tenths feet more to the place
of beginning, containing three fourths of one acre, or
the same more or less. Together with all and singular the
improvements, woods, ways, waters, water, courses, rights,
privileges, franchises, hereditaments and Appurtenances what
soever 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 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 described tract of land here-
after and hereunto and hereupon hereby granted, or mentioned,
or intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the
said parties of the second part their successors in office
and Assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof
of the said parties of the second part their successors
in office and Assigns forever. And the said party of
the first part for himself his heirs, Executors and Admin-
istrators, does by these presents, Covenant, grant and agree
to and with the said parties of the second part their successors
in office 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 men-
tioned, or intended so to be, with the Appurtenances
unto the said parties of the second part their successors
in office 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 other 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
William Terry
Jennie Terry

Dagworthy D. Burton *[initials]*

State of Delaware } ss. Be it Remembered, That on this
Sussex County } third day of September in the

year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and
 one. ^{Samuel Millman} ^{and Sarah E. Dimes} ^{parties of the first part} ^{and} ^{parties of the second part}
 said parties ^{personally} ^{to be such}, and acknowledged
 (Notary Public, Del.) said this Indenture to be his Deed. Given
 aware appoint under my Hand and Seal of office, the day
 of Feb. 5, 1902 and year aforesaid.

for 4 years

Received for Record,
 Sept. 6th. A.D. 1912.

William Perry,
 Notary Public.

Harvey F. Wolfe, Recorder.

Deed: Samuel Millman to Emma E. Dimes

This Indenture, made the Twenty Third day of
 July, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred
 and twelve, Between Samuel Millman and Sarah E.
 Millman his wife of Hanticoke Hundred Sussex County
 and State of Delaware parties of the first part Emma E.
 Dimes of Bridgetown, County and State aforesaid party of
 the second part. Witnesseth, that the said parties of the
 first part, for and in consideration of the sum of one
 thousand dollars current lawful money of the United
 States of America, unto them 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, 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 her heirs and Assigns, All That certain
 tract, part of a tract, piece or parcel of land situate
 lying and being on the north side of the public road
 leading from Greenwood to Beavertown, in Hanticoke
 Hundred, Sussex County and State of Delaware, adjoin-
 ing lands of Alexander Lynch, John Smith and other land
 of these grantors beginning at over the Owen ditch on
 the herein before mentioned road and runs with the
 middle of said road South fifty two degrees East forty
 four perches to Lynch's line, thence with said Lynch's
 land north twenty two degrees East, one hundred and
 seventy eight perches to the corner thereof, thence ^{north}
 forty six degrees West, sixty six perches to the middle of
 the Owen ditch, thence down said ditch binding with
 the middle thereof, to the place of beginning containing
 seventy acres of land be the same more or less; being
 a part of lot no. 2 of the William Lynch land. Together
 with all and singular the buildings thereon, and
 improvements, woods, ways, waters, water courses, rights
 liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances
 whatsoever thereto belonging, or in anywise

Clarence H. Nelson. Register, 1881--, 4 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. James H. Clow, Jr., Greenwood. Sunday School, 1933--, 1 vol.; kept in church. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office; Deeds Record; vol. BC76, p. 284; vol. BH81, p. 205; vol. BBL111, p. 483; vol. DFT224, pp. 45 and 65.

251. CONNELLY'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1837. R. F. D., Angela.

Organized 1837, holding services in a small frame building. Incorporated in 1839. This church was built largely through the efforts of the first pastor, who was also a carpenter. It was replaced in 1876 with the present church building. Single story, frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Mr. Connelly, 1837-39.

Minutes, 1869--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1867--, 1 vol.; in possession of James Hopkins. Register, 1867--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John T. Graham, Nassau. Sunday School, 1867--, yearly vols. for each class; kept in church. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office; Deeds Record; vol. AY47, p. 377; vol. AZ48, p. 214; vol. DEE183, p. 465.

252. MT. PLEASANT METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1838-1931 (defunct), Philadelphia Pike near Holly Oak.

Organized 1838 as an outgrowth of camp meetings starting about 1833. Services were held in Mt. Pleasant schoolhouse. 1837-38. Building was dedicated in 1838. Alterations were made in 1892. It is a one story, stucco covered stone, structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Ignatius Cooper, 1840-41. See: article in Wilmington Journal Every Evening, May 17, 1938.

Minutes, 1838-1931, 5 vols.; Register, 1838-1931, 3 vols.; Financial, 1838-1931, 3 vols.; Sunday School, 1838-1931, 2 vols.; in possession of Aletha LaRowe, Lore Ave. and River Rd., Gordon Heights. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol.U6, p. 220; vol.X12, p. 227.

253. WHITE'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1838--, Highway 14, 3 miles NW of Nassau.

Organized in 1838 and named to honor Elder Henry White. The first church, built in 1839, was burned in 1871. Second church was built in 1872 and was used until dedication of present building in 1921. It is a one story frame building with a basement. First settled clergyman, unknown. See: Mrs. Lillian Vincent, historical sketch, 1936, manuscript in possession of Historical Society of Dover.

Minutes, 1839--, 3 vols.; Register, 1839--, 5 vols.; in possession of pastor Rev. John T. Graham. Financial, 1930---1 vol.; in possession of Vincent White, R. F. D. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol. per class; kept in church. Records of deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BJ83, p. 553; vol. BY98, p. 82; vol. BBQ116, p. 583; vol. CCQ142, p. 517.

254. HARTLY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1840--, Main St., Hartly.

Organized 1840 as result of informal services held in the home of Thomas Landman and the Jones' School. In 1840 a one story frame building was erected on the present site and used until 1927 when the present church was dedicated.

THE CHURCHES OF DELAWARE

by

FRANK R. ZEBLEY

Author of "Along the Brandywine"



*A history, in brief, of the nearly 900 churches
and former churches in Delaware as
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Conley Methodist Chapel (M.E.) is located one and one-quarter miles n. e. of Angola. This church was organized in the Angola schoolhouse and was first known as "Angola M. E. Chapel." They were incorporated on Feb. 9, 1838, as "Connelly's M. E. Chapel" while still meeting in the school. In the meantime the name has been shortened to "Conley's." On Feb. 9, 1838, Dagsworthy Derrickson donated to the following trustees, D. W. Brierton, Arthur Milby, Wm. S. Hazzard, David Hazzard and Wm. S. Vessels, 67½ sq. perches of land as a church site. It was described as being near the road to Angola Neck.

The first church was built in 1838, through the efforts of the Rev. Mr. Connelly, a carpenter by trade, for whom it was named.

The present building was erected in 1876. It was thoroughly renovated in 1901. More land was purchased on Sept. 3, 1912, from Dagsworthy D. Burton. In September, 1944, the building was sheathed with white asbestos shingles and the interior was completely renovated. There is a large graveyard enclosed with a low wall. The earliest tombstone is over the grave of Mrs. Hannah Lynch, who died on Apr. 3, 1862.

Trinity P. E. Chapel was located on the Long Neck Road south of the Millsboro-Lewes Road. The first services were started in a nearby schoolhouse, in 1845. In 1846, the Chapel of the Comforter was built on this site under the leadership of the Rev. John A. Childs. The half-acre church site was donated by James T. Bayliss, on Feb. 6, 1847, at which time the chapel was under construction.

It was a chapel-of-ease attached to St. George's Church and was consecrated on May 25, 1847, by Bishop Alfred Lee. In 1870, the church was enlarged, a recess chancel and a vestry-room being built. At that time the name "Trinity" was adopted. The building was improved in 1881 and again in 1890.

In 1891, a bell was secured and a Bishop's chair and a priest's chair were installed. New windows were installed in 1904. The steeple was wrecked in a wind-storm late in 1916. The last services were held here in 1918. The building gradually disintegrated and by 1940 it was flat upon the ground. The all-devouring forest swallowed it up and not an echo lingers to whisper of its former glory. In the meantime the wood-lot, in which it stood, has been cut over and no vestige of the chapel remains.

Central M. E. Church is located in Long Neck about two miles n. e. of Harmon's School. It was founded in 1867 and the present building was erected in 1887. This church was never very strong and in 1937 it was closed forever. At the 1941 Methodist Conference it was decided to sell the property.

Friendship M. E. Church, colored, is located about two and one-half miles s. w. of Fairmount. The present church was built in 1895. There is a small graveyard, and across the road from the church is their bush-meeting ground.

Harmony M. E. Church, colored. This church was organized in 1818. A half-acre church site was purchased on Mar. 20, 1819, from Eli Norwood. A church was built and it was located about two and one-half miles west of Friendship Church. They were incorporated on Apr. 21, 1875, while the Rev. T. H. Johnson was pastor. A new church was built in 1891. A half-acre of land for the burial-ground was purchased on June 4, 1915, from Wm. T. Hurdle. They also maintained a bush-meeting ground.

day of Eight Before the Subscribers two of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Daniel Benton named in this indenture personally appeared and acknowledged said indenture to be his Act and deed and desired that it might be recorded. All this on our hands and seals the day and year aforesaid.

Dan. Benton
Thomas M. McSwaine

This deed was lodged in the Recorder's office in and for the County of Jefferson on the twenty sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

C. B. Giffels Recorder

Daniel M. Breeton Recording Secretary of Angola Methodist E. Church known by the name of Cornells Chapel.

Certificate = There was a meeting of the members of the Methodist E. Church at the School House Angola District No 19 the ninth day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight the usual place of worship of S. Members after having been advertised according to law at which time and place the Rev. William Courtenay was called to the Chair & Daniel M. Breeton was appointed Secretary Pro. Tem. at which time and place the following trustees were elected in the presence of the members and premises known by the name of Cornells Chapel, viz Daniel M. Breeton Recording Secretary, William G. Garrard David Vassara, Arthur Nisley & William G. Giffels.

D. M. Breeton Secy

This Certificate was lodged in the Recorder's office on the twenty sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

C. B. Giffels Recorder

Deed Matthew Dickerson from Johna McColey Wife
This indenture made this ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two Between Johna McColey of

Harvey F. Wolfe, Recorder.

Deed, given by D. Burton to Trus. of Conley's M. E. Church
This Deed, made the third day of September
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred
and twelve between Dagnworthy D. Burton (widower), of Angola,
Indian River Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, party of
the first part and William V. Mustard, Wolsey C. Hopkins,
John A. March, John B. Massey, John B. Steele, Simon D. Wells,
Josiah D. Williams and C. Mc Colley, Trustees of Conley's
Methodist Episcopal Church, parties of the second part,
witnesseth that the said party of the first part, for and
in consideration of the sum of Two hundred & 00/100
Dollars (\$200.00) current lawful money of the United States
of America, unto him well and truly paid by the said
parties of the second part, at and before the sealing
and Delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby
acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, en-
feoffed, released, conveyed, and confirmed, and by these
presents does grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release,
convey, and confirm unto the said parties of the second
part and their successors in office and assigns, All that
certain tract, piece and parcel of land situate, lying
and being in Indian River Hundred, Sussex County,
Delaware, adjoining lands of Dagnworthy D. Burton and
lands of the Trustees of Conley's Methodist Episcopal Church
the meter and bounds of which are as follows, to wit:-
Beginning at a post on the Southwest edge of the
Public road leading from Coole Spring to Conley's M. E.
Church; thence with said road South forty-four and
one fourth degrees East one hundred and seventy-two
feet to a post, a Corner for lands of the Trustees of
Conley's Methodist Episcopal Church; thence with said
lands the following two lines:- South forty-five and
one half degrees West one hundred and thirty-nine
and one half feet to a stone, thence South forty-four
and one half degrees East two hundred and nine feet
to a post at the Northwest edge of the Public road

leading from Conley's M. E. Church to Angola, thence with
said Road South two and one fourth degree west thirty-
one feet to a post; thence leaving said road and running
with other lands of said Dagworthy D. Burton the following
two lines: - north forty-four and one half degree west three
hundred and ninety nine feet to a post; thence north
forty-five and one half degree East one hundred and
sixty-three and eight tenths feet home to the place
of beginning, containing three fourths of one acre, be
the same more or less. Together with all and singular the
improvements, woods, ways, waters, water. Courses, rights,
liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances what
soever 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 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 described tract of land here-
ditaments and premises hereby granted, or mentioned,
or intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the
said parties of the second part their successors in office
and assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof
of the said parties of the second part their successors
in office and assigns forever. And the said party of
the first part for himself his heirs, Executors and Admin-
istrators, does by these presents, covenant, grant and agree
to and with the said parties of the second part their successors
in office 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 men-
tioned, or intended so to be, with the appurtenances
unto the said parties of the second part their successors
in office 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 other 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
William Terry
Jennie Terry

Dagworthy D. Burton

State of Delaware }
Sussex County } or Be it Remembered, That on this
third day of September in the

part of land with the appurtenances thereto belonging unto the said
Isaac Ingram his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and
benefit of him the said Joshua Ingram his heirs and assigns forever
the witness whereof the said Isaac Adkins Sarah his wife
late Sarah Pool & Nathaniel Ingram Administrators as before
have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and
year above first written

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of
Jno Ponder Miles Tindal

Isaac Adkins
Sarah Adkins
Nathaniel Ingram

State of Delaware }
Superior County of } Be it remembered that on the Eleventh
day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and thirty seven before the subscribers two of the Justices of the
peace for Superior County aforesaid Isaac Adkins & Sarah his
wife late Sarah Pool and Nathaniel Ingram Administrators of William
Adkins named in this Indenture personally appeared and
acknowledged the same to be their act and deed and desired it
might be recorded Witness the hands the day and year aforesaid
of the said Justices

Jno Ponder & Miles Tindal
N. P. Harvey Recorder

Old Trustees of the Methodist E. Church from N. D. Derricks
This Indenture made this ninth day of February in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight between
Dagworthy Derricks and Priscilla his wife of the one part
and Daniel W. Brenton Arthur Melby William F. Hoarard
David Hoarard and William F. Vesells Trustees in trust for the
uses and purposes hereinafter mentioned all the parties resid-
ing in Superior County & State of Delaware. Witnesseth that the
said Dagworthy Derricks and Priscilla his wife for and in con-
sideration of the sum of three dollars specie to D. Derricks
and Priscilla his wife in hand paid at and upon the sealing
and delivery of these presents the Receipt whereof is hereby
acknowledged both given granted bargain sold released confirmed
and conveyed and by these presents do give bargain grant
sell release confirm and convey unto them the said Daniel W.
Brenton Arthur Melby William F. Hoarard David Hoarard and
William F. Vesells and their successors Trustees in trust for the purposes
hereinafter mentioned all the estate right interest title claim
and demand whatsoever in Law or Equity which the said D.
Derricks & Priscilla his wife have in to or upon all and singular
Certain lot or piece of Land Situate lying and being in the County
and State aforesaid and better as follows to wit Beginning at a
certain post fixed near the County Road leading to Angold's Neck
from thence S. 42 1/4 W. 10 perches to a post thence South 47 3/4 E. 12
perches to a post then the edge of S. Road thence with the road to
the place of Beginning containing buty seven and a half perches
of Land more or less together with all and singular the houses
buildings appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise apper-
taining to have and to hold all and singular the Premises
with the appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise apper-
taining unto them the said Trustees and their successors in office for ever in
trust that they shall build and erect or cause to be build and
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which from time to time may be agreed upon and adopted
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HISTORICAL RECORD
OF
NASSAU CIRCUIT

Nassau Circuit was organized in 1880. Whites Chapel and Ebenezer were a part of Lewes Circuit. Zion was taken from Milton, Connelly's Chapel was taken from Millsboro. James Carroll was the first preacher appointed by Bishop Andrews at the conference held at Dover. R.W. Todd, P.E. A Parsonage was built at Nassau in 1880 by James Carroll. At the conference held at Middletown, Del. John Waithman was appointed by Bishop Hurst.

The session of the Wilmington Annual Conference over which Bishop John F. Hurst presided, convened at Middletown March 8, 1882. Rev. John Waithman served the circuit as pastor two years, when J.N. Foreman was appointed to the Circuit by Bishop William L. Harris at the session of the conference which was held at Wilmington, Del. March 5, 1884. The present membership of the charge is 270 in full connection and thirty probationers.

The writer of these late events has served the circuit three years, and records with gratitude to God, the increasing kindness of the people.

The session of the Wilmington Conference over which Bishop Fowler presided, held at Centerville Md. 1891 J.S. Wickline was transferred from the Virginia Conference and appointed to Nassau Circuit for 1891, beginning his work at Whites Chapel on Sunday Apr. 5 and at Zion in the afternoon. He drove a horse and buggy 120 miles and traveled on boat 150 miles to reach the Circuit. J.S. Wickline was appointed to Nassau Circuit at the conference held at Middletown March 1893 for the third year.

At the conference held at Lewes March 1898, Zion appointment was taken from Nassau Circuit and attached to Milton.

Rehoboth was taken up as a regular appointment and service held in the school house. April 24, 1898 a society was organized

by the pastor J.D. Reese with thirty-two members, Capt. T.W. Steele was appointed leader and John S. Lynch Sunday School Superintendent.

A Board of Trustees was elected Aug. 25, 1898 and steps taken to build a Church. A building Committee was appointed consisting of J.D. Reese, Pastor, John S. Lynch, Jas. E. Marvel, Robert B. Foskey. The work was commenced and the building dedicated by Rev. T.E. Terry Assisting the Pastor In Aug. 1898. Com. W.H. Shock of Wahington, D.C. took an active interest in the New Church enterprise, contributing very liberally, as did several others who spend their summers at the beach.

The Church cost \$1400.00 all of which was paid up to and at the dedication, but the sum of \$150.00. Since the dedication, fifty dollars of this amount has been paid.

1895-6 During the pastorate of Rev. G.R. Neese, Whites Chapel and Ebenezer Churches were blessed with good revivals but Bro. Neese failed to keep record of those who joined on probation so that most of the results were lost 1899-1902. During the three years pastorate of Rev. J.P. Outten, Conley's Chapel, Ebenezer and Whites were repaired and renovated and all but \$60. paid for the improvement.

The year 1901 was set apart by the Wilmington Conference for raising the conf. Academy debt. This Circuit raised its apportionment, \$150. in full.

1902-3 C.W. Strickland in charge. During the year 1902-03 a great revival swept over the circuit. At Ebenezer a good meeting resulted in 21 conversions at Conley's as old time revival came to the Church and 64 were converted at Whites Chapel 30 were converted. At Rehoboth the meeting was one of great power. Sixty seven were converted, mostly adults. Total for Circuit 182.

Feb. 7, 1903 At the 4th. Quarterly Conference a petition was presented from the members and friends of Rehoboth Church asking that a new Circuit parsonage be built at Rehoboth. A committee was appointed to secure a quit claim deed from Mrs. Marvel Heirs of Judge Wooten. The deed was secured and

recorded by Thos. A. Palmer and C.W. Strickland so that the parsonage property is now held in Fee Simple. A special meeting of the Quarterly conference was convened Feb. 18, 1903, but after much discussion it decided to keep the parsonage of Nassau and repair it. The failure of the petition was due largely to opposition from Whites Chapel. Up to the middle of March the people of Rehoboth continued to hold cottage prayer meetings etc. every night. The meetings were of wonderful power. One man was converted there during the session of the Annual conference in the absence of the pastor. Cottage meetings continued until summer.

1903-04. At the session of Conference Mar. 18, 1903 Bishop Earl Cranston, presiding C.W. Strickland was returned for the second year. At the special meeting of the Quarterly conference held Feb. 18, 1903, a building committee consisting of Alfred King, Wm. D. Wilson, Wolsey C. Hopkins, Theo. W. Palmer, and C.W. Strickland was appointed for the purpose of making needed repairs on parsonage. After consideration they decided to build a new barn and a front porch to parsonage.

Theo. W. Palmer was awarded the contract. The work was completed in July 1903. Before the barn was built the pastor made several efforts to get more land on the back of parsonage lot, so as to set the barn as far back as possible. B. Frank Truitt and his wife after much discussion refused to sell the piece the pastor wished to buy as they could not spare so much.

In 1880, when the parsonage lot was deeded to the Trustees by Judge Wooten, it was found after they began to build the parsonage that they needed more land on the North side of the lot. Mr. Mires Fisher applied to Judge Wooten for more and the Judge gave to the trustees a triangular piece as laid down in the accompanying plot. Mr. Fisher states that a regular deed was given for the property and that he has seen it. I have made every effort to discover it but have failed C.W.S.

This piece has ever since been fenced in with the original lot and no one has questioned our right to it. The revival meeting during the fall and winter of 1903-04 were rather dull, 12 conversions in all. This was probably a result of having had such a sweeping revival the year before also because of the

farmers were very much delayed with their work there being corn left in the field all winter on almost every farm, also because of the severe weather, which broke up some promising meetings, and finally because of the pastor's health which suffered from a severe fall in which he struck upon the back of his head and was rendered unconscious temporarily.

The year closed harmoniously and collections were slightly advanced. At the conference held at Dover March 16, 1904. Bishop J.M. Fitzgerald presiding, C.W. Strickland who preached the missionary sermon before the conference that year, was returned to Nassau Circuit for the third year.

At the second quarterly conference Sept. 3 at Lewes a committee was appointed to confer with the congregation on the subject of securing a parsonage in Lewes. It reported to the 3rd. quar. Conference which also met at Lewes, after full discussion it was decided to make no change in parsonage location.

The pastor met with the misfortune to cut his foot severely in the fall, which delayed his revival work until winter weather set in. Three meetings were held at Conley's, Whites Chapel and Rehoboth, resulting in 20 conversions.

At the fourth quarterly conference the pastor notified the brethren of his desire for a change. Notwithstanding which he was cordially invited to return. The year closed harmoniously. Benevolent collection being almost up to the two previous years, and the salary being raised in full for the first time in many years, probably in the history of the Charge. Conley's Chapel raised her apportionment without taking any collection in the Church a thing she had done but once before in 1904 in her existence. At the conference which met at Grace Church Wilmington, Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell presiding, Rev. Wm. P. Compton was sent to Nassau Circuit March 16, 1905.

At the conference of 1908 held in Asbury Church, Wilmington and presided over by Bishop D.A. Goodsell, I was appointed to Nassau. We were cordially received and had one of the best years of my life. Had splendid revival at every Church resulting in over fifty conversions and all the Churches greatly quickened.

At the Conference on the following year (1909) held at Milford and presided over by Bishop David H. Moore, it was thought for the betterment of the work to divide it and accordingly Rehoboth and Conley were set off as a separate work and I was sent there, and Bro. Wm. H. Hudson sent to Nassau Mar. 25, 1909.

George R. Ellis

P.S. At his last Conference named above, Viz. Milford, Zion was taken from Milton and put back with the Nassau Circuit were it had formerly been.

G.R.E.

Ebenezer Church was transferred from Rehoboth to Nassau Charge July 14, 1929. Nassau Charge is now composed of the following Churches; Connelly's, White's Chapel, Ebenezer and Zion.

The salary was advanced from \$1200 in 1929-30 to \$1400. The salary was further advanced in 1930-1 from \$1400 to \$1500.

DELAWARE CHURCH ARCHIVES

Clarence H. Nelson. Register, 1881--, 4 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. James H. Clow, Jr., Greenwood. Sunday School, 1933--, 1 vol.; kept in church. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office; Deeds Record; vol. BC76, p. 284; vol. BH81, p. 205; vol. BBL111, p. 483; vol. DFT224, pp. 45 and 65.

251. CONNELLY'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1837. R. F. D., Angela.

Organized 1837, holding services in a small frame building. Incorporated in 1839. This church was built largely through the efforts of the first pastor, who was also a carpenter. It was replaced in 1876 with the present church building. Single story, frame structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Mr. Connelly, 1837-39.

Minutes, 1869--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1867--, 1 vol.; in possession of James Hopkins. Register, 1867--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. John T. Graham, Nassau. Sunday School, 1867--, yearly vols. for each class; kept in church. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office; Deeds Record; vol. AY47, p. 377; vol. AZ48, p. 214; vol. DEE183, p. 465.

252. MT. PLEASANT METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1838-1931 (defunct), Philadelphia Pike near Holly Oak.

Organized 1838 as an outgrowth of camp meetings starting about 1833. Services were held in Mt. Pleasant schoolhouse. 1837-38. Building was dedicated in 1838. Alterations were made in 1892. It is a one story, stucco covered stone, structure. First settled clergyman, Rev. Ignatius Cooper, 1840-41. See: article in Wilmington Journal Every Evening, May 17, 1938.

Minutes, 1838-1931, 5 vols.; Register, 1838-1931, 3 vols.; Financial, 1838-1931, 3 vols.; Sunday School, 1838-1931, 2 vols.; in possession of Aletha LaRowe, Lore Ave. and River Rd., Gordon Heights. Records of incorporation and deed: New Castle Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol.U6, p. 220; vol.X12, p. 227.

253. WHITE'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1838--, Highway 14, 3 miles NW of Nassau.

Organized in 1838 and named to honor Elder Henry White. The first church, built in 1839, was burned in 1871. Second church was built in 1872 and was used until dedication of present building in 1921. It is a one story frame building with a basement. First settled clergyman, unknown. See: Mrs. Lillian Vincent, historical sketch, 1936, manuscript in possession of Historical Society of Dover. Minutes, 1839--, 3 vols.; Register, 1839--, 5 vols.; in possession of pastor Rev. John T. Graham. Financial, 1930---1 vol.; in possession of Vincent White, R. F. D. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol. per class; kept in church. Records of deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BJ83, p. 553; vol. BY98, p. 82; vol. BBQ116, p. 583; vol. CCQ142, p. 517.

254. HARTLY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1840--, Main St., Hartly.

Organized 1840 as result of informal services held in the home of Thomas Landman and the Jones' School. In 1840 a one story frame building was erected on the present site and used until 1927 when the present church was dedicated.

1880-The church became part of the Nassau Circuit and removed from the Millsboro Circuit.

-Historical Record of Nassau Circuit

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1901- Present building was thoroughly renovated.

-Zebley's p. 298

September 3, 1912- The trustees of the church bought more land from Dagsworthy D. Burton for two hundred dollars.

-RG4555.030 Roll #109

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September 1944- The building was sheathed with asbestos shingles and the interior was completely renovated.

-Zebley's p. 298

Conley Methodist Chapel (M.E.) is located one and one-quarter miles n. e. of Angola. This church was organized in the Angola schoolhouse and was first known as "Angola M. E. Chapel." They were incorporated on Feb. 9, 1838, as "Connelly's M. E. Chapel" while still meeting in the school. In the meantime the name has been shortened to "Conley's." On Feb. 9, 1838, Dagsworthy Derrickson donated to the following trustees, D. W. Brierton, Arthur Milby, Wm. S. Hazzard, David Hazzard and Wm. S. Vessels, 67 1/2 sq. perches of land as a church site. It was described as being near the road to Angola Neck.

The first church was built in 1838, through the efforts of the Rev. Mr. Connelly, a carpenter by trade, for whom it was named.

The present building was erected in 1876. It was thoroughly renovated in 1901. More land was purchased on Sept. 3, 1912, from Dagsworthy D. Burton. In September, 1944, the building was sheathed with white asbestos shingles and the interior was completely renovated. There is a large graveyard enclosed with a low wall. The earliest tombstone is over the grave of Mrs. Hannah Lynch, who died on Apr. 3, 1862.

Trinity P. E. Chapel was located on the Long Neck Road south of the Millsboro-Lewes Road. The first services were started in a nearby schoolhouse, in 1845. In 1846, the Chapel of the Comforter was built on this site under the leadership of the Rev. John A. Childs. The half-acre church site was donated by James T. Bayliss, on Feb. 6, 1847, at which time the chapel was under construction.

It was a chapel-of-ease attached to St. George's Church and was consecrated on May 25, 1847, by Bishop Alfred Lee. In 1870, the church was enlarged, a recess chancel and a vestry-room being built. At that time the name "Trinity" was adopted. The building was improved in 1881 and again in 1890.

In 1891, a bell was secured and a Bishop's chair and a priest's chair were installed. New windows were installed in 1904. The steeple was wrecked in a wind-storm late in 1916. The last services were held here in 1918. The building gradually disintegrated and by 1940 it was flat upon the ground. The all-devouring forest swallowed it up and not an echo lingers to whisper of its former glory. In the meantime the wood-lot, in which it stood, has been cut over and no vestige of the chapel remains.

Central M. E. Church is located in Long Neck about two miles n. e. of Harmon's School. It was founded in 1867 and the present building was erected in 1887. This church was never very strong and in 1937 it was closed forever. At the 1941 Methodist Conference it was decided to sell the property.

Friendship M. E. Church, colored, is located about two and one-half miles s. w. of Fairmount. The present church was built in 1895. There is a small graveyard, and across the road from the church is their bush-meeting ground.

Harmony M. E. Church, colored. This church was organized in 1818. A half-acre church site was purchased on Mar. 20, 1819, from Eli Norwood. A church was built and it was located about two and one-half miles west of Friendship Church. They were incorporated on Apr. 21, 1875, while the Rev. T. H. Johnson was pastor. A new church was built in 1891. A half-acre of land for the burial-ground was purchased on June 4, 1915, from Wm. T. Hurdle. They also maintained a bush-meeting ground.

PETER C. SCHWARTZKOPF
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January 24, 2007

Ms. Karen Donovan
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121 Duke of York Street
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Dear Ms. Donovan:

Enclosed please find the letter from the Reverend Randall Booth regarding the historical marker at Conley's Church. I have set aside funding for this project. Please contact Rev. Booth directly regarding plans for the marker.

Please let me know when the marker is to be erected and if I can assist you further with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter C. Schwartzkopf".

Peter C. Schwartzkopf
State Representative
14th District

Enclosure
C: The Reverend Randall Booth

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November 13, 2006

Dear Representative Schwartzkopf,

Congratulations on your recent re-election! I often listen to WGMD and have heard you speak many times. You're forthright and honest in carrying out the duties of your office. Thank you.

When you were first elected, I inquired about putting an historical marker at Conley's Church. You offered to set aside funding for this. We are ready to proceed with this. Are you still able to fund this for us?

We would like the sign to read something like this:

Conley's Church was first organized in the Angola Schoolhouse and was called Angola Methodist Episcopal Church. We they incorporated in February 1828, the name was changed to Connelly's Methodist Episcopal Chapel in honor of their first pastor, William Connelly. He was a carpenter who was responsible for the first church building. Eventually the name was shortened to Conley's.

This sanctuary was built in 1876 and thoroughly renovated in 1901. In the summer of 1978, the church constructed the fellowship hall. It began with a generous gift of land from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mills. Then, church member and master carpenter Charles Baker led several volunteers from the church family on weekday evenings and Saturdays to construct the hall.

The earliest tombstone is over the grave of Mrs. Hannah Lunch who died April 3, 1862.

How do we proceed from here?

Sincerely,

Rev. Randall Booth

Conley's United Methodist Church aspires to be a loving, caring, Christ-centered fellowship dedicated to reaching out and bringing others to the Lord Jesus. Led by the Holy Spirit we invite all to become disciples, transformed by Christ's love. We will hold ourselves accountable to God and to each other. Conley's participates in Safe Sanctuaries, reducing the risk of child abuse in the church.