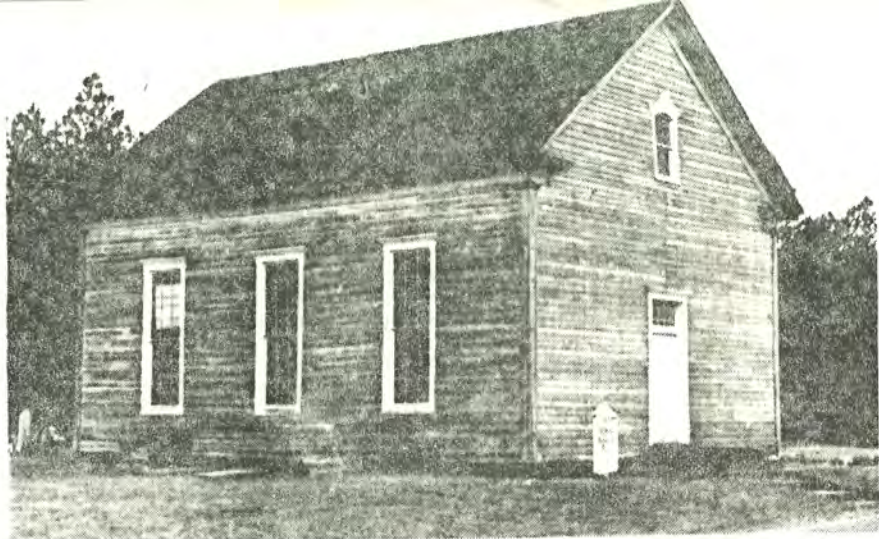


= and they acknowledged that Indenture to be their act and deed, and the said Sallie H. has ever since at the same time quietly claimed by me as part from the husband acknowledged that she executed the said Indenture willingly without compulsion or threat or fear of her husband's displeasure, and would say her act and deed of Office, the day and year aforesaid.

Received at my Office
 January 11th 4th 1856. ()

Witness R. Morris, Notary Public.
 J. P. Morris, Sheriff.

Witness John A. Layton, to the Trustees of Abraham M. P. Church. This Indenture made the Twenty fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight (1858) Between John H. Day of the County of Sussex and State of Delaware and March S. Day his wife of the first part and Cyrus Legatus, David Wilson, William Keno, John H. Day and William H. Wilson, Trustees of Abraham M. P. Church of the second part, Witnesseth that the said Parties of the first part in and in consideration of the sum of Twenty five Dollars (and for the purpose hereinafter stated) lawful money of the United States to them in hand paid by the said Parties of the second part at or before the making and delivery of these presents, which moneys were well and lawfully received by the said Parties of the second part before delivery of these presents, have granted, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do grant, convey, deliver, release, confirm and confirm unto the said Parties of the second part their heirs and assigns, All that certain piece parcel and lot of Ground Situate in Georgetown Hundred Sussex County and State of Delaware and Public Road leading from Georgetown to Boderwille and near the residence of said John H. Day and more particularly described as follows, Beginning at a stone in said Public Road one hundred and eighty feet eastwardly from the center of the Mouth of the Lane leading up to the residence of said John H. Day and running from said Stone Southwardly one hundred and five feet and from thence Eastwardly one hundred and thirty five feet and thence Northwardly one hundred and five feet to the aforesaid Public Road, thence with the South side of said Public Road, the distance of one hundred and thirty five feet to the place of beginning the stone aforesaid, to the content what that man. The Conveyance made for the purpose of having erected thereon a house for religious worship and the said Parties to hold the same on Trust for said purpose. Together with all and singular Rights, Privileges, Immunities, Franchises, Advantages, Com. rights, Liberties, Jurisdictions, and Appurtenances whatsoever thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining and the profits and revenues, rents and remainders, parts, Issues and profits thereof and all the estate, right, title, interest, privilege, claim and demand whatsoever of them the said Parties of the first part at Law =



Funds Sought For Church Restoration

Historic Hebron Church, located two and one-half miles west of Georgetown on the Georgetown-Bridgeville highway, is badly in need of repairs. There has been a fund set up for the project.

The church had its beginning in the Spring of 1879 when James McDowell and Daniel McColley conducted a series of services in Old 54 School resulting in forty or fifty conversions. Several years of prayer and experience meetings were held in Old 54 School and in 1885 plans were discussed for the erection of a church.

In 1886 the Rev. Weigan, then a pastor in Milton, began preaching at intervals and in this year and the next plans were laid for the building of the Church. It is believed that the Church was first used in the autumn of 1888. Active in the building of the Church were Theophilus Swain, John King, Wingate King, John Day, John C. Wingate, H. B. Miles and others.

Going back to the early organization of the Sunday School we find in the Roll Book of 1916: Superintendent was John Day, Assistant Roy H. Swain, Secretary Elijah W. King, Treasurer Mrs. Clara West, Organist Mrs. Emma King, Assistant Pidgie Mae Hitchens, Chorister Pidgie Mae Hitchens, Librarian Hiram Smith. Looking in the Class Roll we find members as follows: Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Julia

Swain, Theophilus Swain, George West, Clara West, John H. Day, Ella Day Robert West, Wingate King, James Russell, Willard S. Messick, Mrs. Lizzie Messick, Mrs. Margaret West, Samuel White, Mrs. Amelia White, Jacob N. West, Mrs. Edith Magee, David B. Wilson, Issac Garfield West, Roy H. Swain, Cyrus Wilson, Mrs. Bessie Hitchens, Mrs. Alice E. Wilkins, Mrs. Julia Hitchens, Charles A. Conaway, Mrs. Ella Conaway, Mrs. Julia Reynolds, Mrs. Margaret Hitchens, Theora King, Walter Conaway, Mrs. Cartha Conaway, Granville Messick, Mrs. Della Messick, Mrs. Lovie Wells, Elijah W. King, Joseph H. Parker, Mrs. Catherine Parker, Joseph S. Short, Mrs. Minnie Short, Annie J. Calaway, Hiram D. Smith, William A. West, Avery West, Clara V. Messick, Edith Conaway, Alice Conaway, Ethel Hitchens, Ethel Conaway, Maud Conaway, Cora Short, Emma King, Julia King, James Reece, and Joshua Calaway.

Surrounding the Church is the cemetery where many early members and their descendants are interred.

Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Aliene Short, R.D. #1 Box 143-A, Millsboro, Delaware 19966; Mr. Preston King, R.D. #2 Box 247, Georgetown, Delaware 19947 or Carlton R. Smith, R.D. #2 Box 250, Georgetown, Delaware 19947.

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ing called Johnson's and was used until present building was dedicated in 1921. Present structure is a one story frame with belfry, bell, and stained glass windows. First settled clergyman, unknown. Minutes, 1921--, 2 vols.; in possession of Lincoln Harmon, R.F.D., Millsboro. Register, 1921--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Gilbert Ross, Milton. Sunday School, 1921--, 1 vol.; in church.

453. HEBRON METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1888--, Bridgeville Rd., Georgetown.

Organized 1888 at which time present church was built. It was first a charge of Milton, then of Georgetown, then of Cannon. It was a charge of Dagsboro for one year previous to closing in June 1934. Reopened in October 1935 and since has been served by minister from Georgetown. One story frame building. First settled clergyman, Rev. Franklin H. Mullineaux, 1888-89. Register (including financial and all records), 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Russell W. Sapp, Market and King Sts. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBM112, pp. 203 and 204.

454. MT OLIVE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1889--, State St., Delmar.

Organized 1889 as Bethesda Methodist Protestant Church. Services were held in a hall until 1891 when first church was erected. It was a one story frame building. Present church was dedicated in 1893. Name changed to Delmar Methodist Church in 1897. Present name adopted sometime prior to 1918. Church was remodeled in 1933. It is a one story brick veneered frame building with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. A. Wright, 1893-97; educated at Western Maryland College and Seminary, Westminster, Md.

Minutes, 1889--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1889--, 1 vol.; in possession of treasurer, Ernest F. Williams. Register, 1899--, 3 vols.; in possession of Rev. Walter A. Donaway, 2nd and Chestnut Sts. Sunday School, 1921--, 1 vol.; in possession of Sunday school secretary, Hazel Tinley. Deed and Charter, 1899, in vault of Bank of Delmar. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBR117, p. 156; vol. BBY124, p. 515; vol. DFG211, p. 373; vol. DHV278, p. 173.

455. DAGSBORO METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1890--, Main St., Dagsboro.

Organized and building dedicated 1890. Originally called Vines Neck Methodist Protestant Church. Services were held in private homes for a few month until the church was erected. In 1907 the church was moved from its location, one and one-half miles outside Dagsboro., to its present site and rebuilt. A one story frame structure with belfry. First settled clergyman, Rev. A. Betts, 1890-95. Minutes, 1907--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mr. Ray Steelman. Register, 1907--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. W. T. Archer. Financial, 1907--, 1 vol.; in possession of George Baker. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; in church safe. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. CCI134, p. 340; vol. DEO193, p. 394.

456. DOVER METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1890--, Governor's Ave., Dover

Organized 1890, services being held in school building. This later became a part of the present church, which was opened and dedicated in 1893. Rebuilt

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were abandoned when Chaplain's Chapel was built. The land was donated by Charles Macklin and Fisher Willis. A board tent was erected and it was dedicated on July 17, 1859. The erection of a chapel was started on July 23, 1859. It was completed and dedicated in 1861. The chapel was named for the Rev. John S. Chaplain, the minister in charge of the church. There is a small graveyard beside the church. The tombstones date back to Apr. 9, 1870.

Nanticoke Hundred A. M. E. Church. This church was located four miles east of Bridgeville on the road to Redden Forest. The half-acre church site was secured from James L. Sharp, on Feb. 13, 1867, upon the payment of \$10.00. A church was built and it was quite active for several years and then was abandoned. There is nothing to mark the site which was close to the present home of John Donovan. Mr. Sharp was a famous teller of "tall tales" and was given the nickname of "Lying Jim Sharp."

Cokesbury Methodist Church (M.E.) is located three miles east of Coverdale's Crossroads. The first building was erected, partly of logs, in 1803. On Dec. 17, 1803, Wm. Swain donated a church site on the road from Evan's Saw Mill to Deep Creek, to a board of trustees. They, in turn, agreed to erect a building to be used as an M. E. Church and a day-school. When this school was opened, it became the first free school in that neighborhood. The church was incorporated on Nov. 22, 1816.

When it was decided to build a new church a deal was arranged with Walter Swain whereby he gave them the present site of 60 perches in trade for the old church and site. The new church was completed and was dedicated on Nov. 26, 1869. Mr. Swain's deed to the church was executed on Jan. 31, 1871.

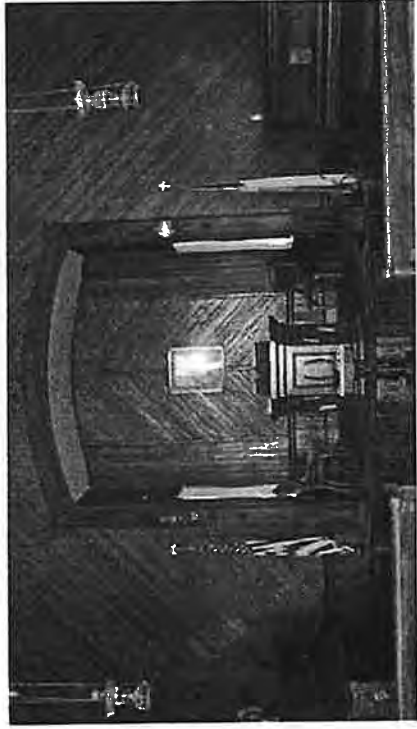
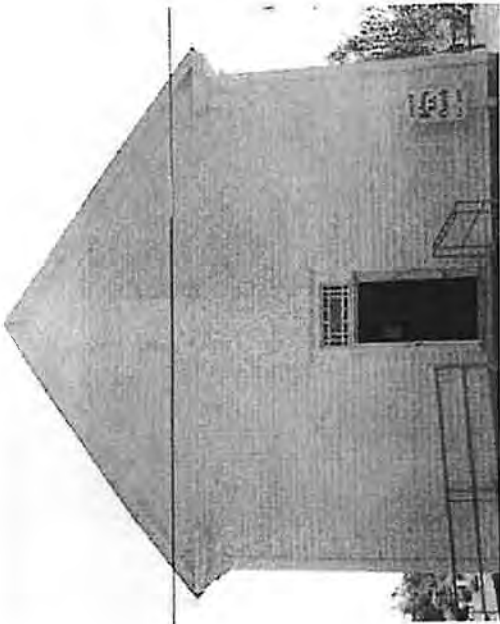
There is a large cemetery across the road from the church. Land was purchased on June 10, 1893, from Noah Isaacs, Sr., with four burial plots exempt. The ornamental gateway of frame construction was built in 1915. The oldest tombstone is dated 1865.

Pepper's M. E. Church, located two and one-quarter miles west of Georgetown, was organized and incorporated on Mar. 17, 1894. The church was then built and on Oct. 13, 1894, the property was transferred to a new board of trustees. During a heavy storm on Feb. 21, 1912, it was blown down. A new chapel, on a site closeby, was completed and was dedicated on Feb. 16, 1913, by the Rev. James L. Derrickson, who did most of the carpenter work himself. The one-acre site was donated by the Georgetown Land Co., on Mar. 22, 1913. It was closed in 1929, the building was sold and is in use on a nearby farm.

Hebron Methodist Church (M.P.) is located six miles east of Coverdale's Crossroads. The church was organized in the schoolhouse where it was incorporated on Apr. 16, 1888. The church site was secured from John A. Day, on Oct. 24, 1888, with the understanding that the church would be built immediately. Through lack of interest the church was closed in 1933. Through the efforts of Virgil C. Littleton, a local-preacher, the church was reopened and is making some progress. There is a graveyard beside the church, the tombstones dating back to 1889.

Cannon Methodist Church (M.P.) was incorporated on Oct. 4, 1902. The church site was donated by James W. Ward on Nov. 19, 1902. The church was built of frame, in 1903. This building was destroyed by fire and the present

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CRS - 3193 Georgetown, DE



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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Hebron Methodist Protestant Church and Cemetery

Other names/site number: CRS# S03193

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 18282 Seashore Highway

City or town: Georgetown

State: Delaware

County: Sussex

Not For Publication:

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria.

I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

___ national ___ statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A ___ B X C ___ D

DE State Historic Preservation Officer 3/31/2015

Signature of certifying official/Title:

Date 4/1/15

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official:

Date

Title :

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Name of Property

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1 church</u>	_____	buildings
<u>1 cemetery</u>	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>2</u>	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Religion: religious facility

Funerary: cemetery

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Religion: religious facility

Funerary: cemetery

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Overall, the Church retains a high level of historic integrity and is devoid of modern amenities such as heat, water, and electricity. On the exterior, the noteworthy historic features include the original door and window surrounds, multi-paned colored light transom above the front entrance, electroplated door hardware and porcelain door knobs, and approximately 90% original clapboards, and the original double-hung windows in the apse. Progressing to the interior, original wainscoting lines the walls and extends up to the window still level. Original diagonal and straight bead board cover the remainder of the walls and ceiling, respectively. Its unusual paneled interior is the only-known example of its kind in Sussex County. The interiors of rural Methodist churches were traditionally lathed, plastered, and painted. Additional interior features include the original communion rail, pulpit, pews, and pine flooring in the raised pulpit area. In 1989, the exterior of the church was surveyed and considered eligible for listing as an excellent example of a rural Sussex County church under the temporal period of 1880-1940, within the context of Religion by architectural historian, Bernard L. Herman.

Narrative Description

Exterior Description

Hebron M.P. Church, constructed in 1888, is located three miles west of Georgetown, the county seat of Sussex County, Delaware. The center of the gable-front façade features a double door entrance surmounted by a multi-pane colored glass transom. Alternating panes of blue, red, and green glass border the transom. The main entrance features double doors with paired, elongated panels with raised surfaces. Original electroplated hinges, locks, and porcelain door knobs remain intact. Plain door surrounds and a molded lintel define the framing elements for the main entrance. Below the apex of the gable roof is a centrally placed window with a peaked molded lintel. Corner pilasters with plain capitals are positioned at each corner of the building and a stone cornerstone with the words "Hebron M.P. Church 1888" is positioned at the northwest corner of the building.

The Church's west and east-facing side elevations feature clapboard siding, the majority of which is original historic fabric. The church was constructed on a brick foundation which has been re-parged. Each side of the church contains three, elongated windows which originally featured nine-over-nine double-hung sash windows. Due to deteriorated conditions, the original window sashes were replaced with the modern windows in 2008. However, the original window surrounds, characterized by plain sills, and topped with molded lintels remain intact. A narrow, brick chimney which accommodated interior stoves, pierce the roof on both east and west elevations.

The south-facing rear façade is dominated by a centrally placed apse which contains a raised altar located in the sanctuary. This narrow addition is characteristic of the rural Methodist Protestant churches constructed in Sussex County in the late nineteenth century. This appendage represented a departure from the traditional one-room, rectangular-designed churches which characterized many of the Methodist Episcopal churches constructed in rural areas throughout

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the church from soy bean fields to the northeast and cedar hedgerows concealing an abandoned c. 1900 house to the northwest. The eastern and southern boundary is comprised of a mixed hardwood succession plant buffer. Aerial views indicate that sometime between 2007 and 2013, the adjoining hardwood forest was removed. The buffer vegetation now includes Red Maples, Sweet gums, Tulip Poplars, Black Cherry, Bayberry, Loblolly Pines, Pitch Pines, Pin Oaks, and White Oaks. A gravel and dirt driveway separates the Hebron Church from the adjoining property on the west, owned by the Kiwanis Club of Georgetown, and used as a summer barbeque picnic area. The church parcel measures 135 feet by 105 feet.

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Period of Significance

1888 - 1934

Significant Dates

1888 – date of construction

1934 – year the church ceased holding regular worship services

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

Hebron M.P. Church is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places at the local level under Criterion A and C. Under Criterion A, documentation associated with the history of Hebron M.P. Church chronicles the development, evolution, and popularity of Methodism in Sussex County during the nineteenth century. In addition, its congregation maintains its unique status as a church whose trustees chose not to participate in the consolidation of the Methodist Church in either 1939 or 1968. Under Criterion C, Hebron M.P. Church represents a vernacular example of the Greek Revival style which has been minimally altered. It remains an intact example of one of the nine Methodist Protestant churches constructed in rural Sussex County, Delaware between 1870 and 1888. General characteristics of the Greek Revival style include its front-gable roof, a plain frieze, a pedimented window in the north gable end, plain corner pilasters, and paired doors at the main entrance. Research indicates that most of the rural

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church that retains its basic configuration. Most churches have been modified, replaced, or demolished. For example, Providence Methodist Church at Piney Grove (now part of the United Methodist Church) is located southwest of Georgetown and though constructed in 1886 it has been modernized. Providence is clad with aluminum siding and is covered with a metal corrugated roof. A one-story lean-to addition has been added to the apse and modern amenities including heat and electricity installed. Unlike Providence, Hebron M.P. Church retains its independence, features the most ornate-known interior, and continues to hold annual homecoming services.

As a Methodist Protestant Church, Hebron was part of the Maryland Conference established in 1828 after this group separated from the traditional Methodist Episcopal Church in favor of congregational governance. During its history, this church functioned as part of several charges located in Sussex County towns including Milton, Georgetown, Cannon, and Dagsboro. Hebron has remained a Methodist Protestant Church despite the fact that the three branches of the Methodist Church -- Methodist Protestant Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Methodist Church - South united with the Methodists under the name of "the Methodist Church" in 1939. However, trustees of Hebron M.P. Church chose not to become a part of "the Methodist Church" and reincorporated as the Hebron Methodist Protestant Church on January 1, 1939. Though membership of Hebron M.P. Church declined throughout the twentieth century as a result of war, death of members, and movement of members to newer Methodist churches, trustees once again declined the opportunity to establish itself as part of the United Methodist Church consolidation of 1968. Therefore, for more than 130 years, Hebron M.P. Church has remained under the independent jurisdiction of its trustees.

Construction of Hebron M.P. Church

Like many Methodist churches, the congregation which built Hebron M.P. Church began meeting in a nearby country school in 1879. Records indicate that James McDowell and Daniel McColley conducted a series of services in School District #54. This schoolhouse, known later as King School, was located west of Hebron M.P. Church.³ Nine years later a local farmer and his wife, John H. and Mariah Day, conveyed a portion of their farm to trustees for the purpose of building a place of worship. The trustees (John H. Day, Cyrus Legates, David Wilson, William King, and William H. Wilson) incorporated on April 16, 1888 and oversaw the construction of Hebron M.P. Church which was completed by October 24, 1888. Though construction documents do not exist, it is assumed that perhaps local companies who sold or provided building materials and supplies, located three miles away in Georgetown, may have been involved with the construction of the church. The 1885 Georgetown Business Directory listed three businesses related specifically to construction: the Sussex Manufacturing Company (sawed and planed pine lumber and shingles), G. M. Thoroughgood Building Materials (sold lime, shutters, mouldings, scroll work, white pine lumber, hair and cement, laths, doors and sashes) and Benj Y Carmine (operated a saw and planing mill). Church records do, however, identify

³ Pomeroy and Beers Atlas of the State of Delaware, Nanticoke Hundred, Philadelphia, 1868.

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Zebley Church Photographs Collection – Delaware State Archives

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

___ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

___ previously listed in the National Register

___ previously determined eligible by the National Register

___ designated a National Historic Landmark

___ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

___ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

___ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Oriented toward the north and facing Delaware Route 404, the church fronts a historic roadway connecting western Sussex County with Georgetown, the county seat. This two-lane highway separates the church from soy bean fields to the northeast and cedar hedgerows concealing an abandoned c. 1900 house to the northwest. The eastern and southern boundary is comprised of a mixed hardwood succession plant buffer. Aerial views indicate that sometime between 2007 and 2013, the adjoining hardwood forest was removed. The buffer vegetation now includes Red Maples, Sweet gums, Tulip Poplars, Black Cherry, Bayberry, Loblolly Pines, Pitch Pines, Pin Oaks, and White Oaks. A gravel and dirt driveway separates the Hebron Church from the adjoining property on the west, owned by the Kiwanis Club of Georgetown, and used as a summer barbeque picnic area.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

Boundaries for the Hebron M.P. Church represent the entire Sussex County tax parcel identified as # 13501300000700.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Mrs. Pat Lawson – Trustee in consultation with the DE SHPO
organization: Trustee- Hebron M.P. Church
street & number: 24438 Reynolds Pond Road
city or town: Milton state: DE zip code: 19968
e-mail: atlantic@ce.net
telephone: 302-684-3197
date: September 20, 2014

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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Figures:

- 01 Pomeroy and Beers Atlas of the State of Delaware, Georgetown Hundred, Sussex County (1868)
- 02 photo collage variety of gravestones
- 03 photo collage sample documents
- 04 photo collage – providence M.P. Church – Piney Grove
- 05 chart with list of 19th century M.P. Churches – Sussex County
- 06 Sussex County Tax Parcel Map – Hebron M.P. Church

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Site Plan and Photo Key
Hebron M.P. Church and Cemetery
Sussex County, Delaware

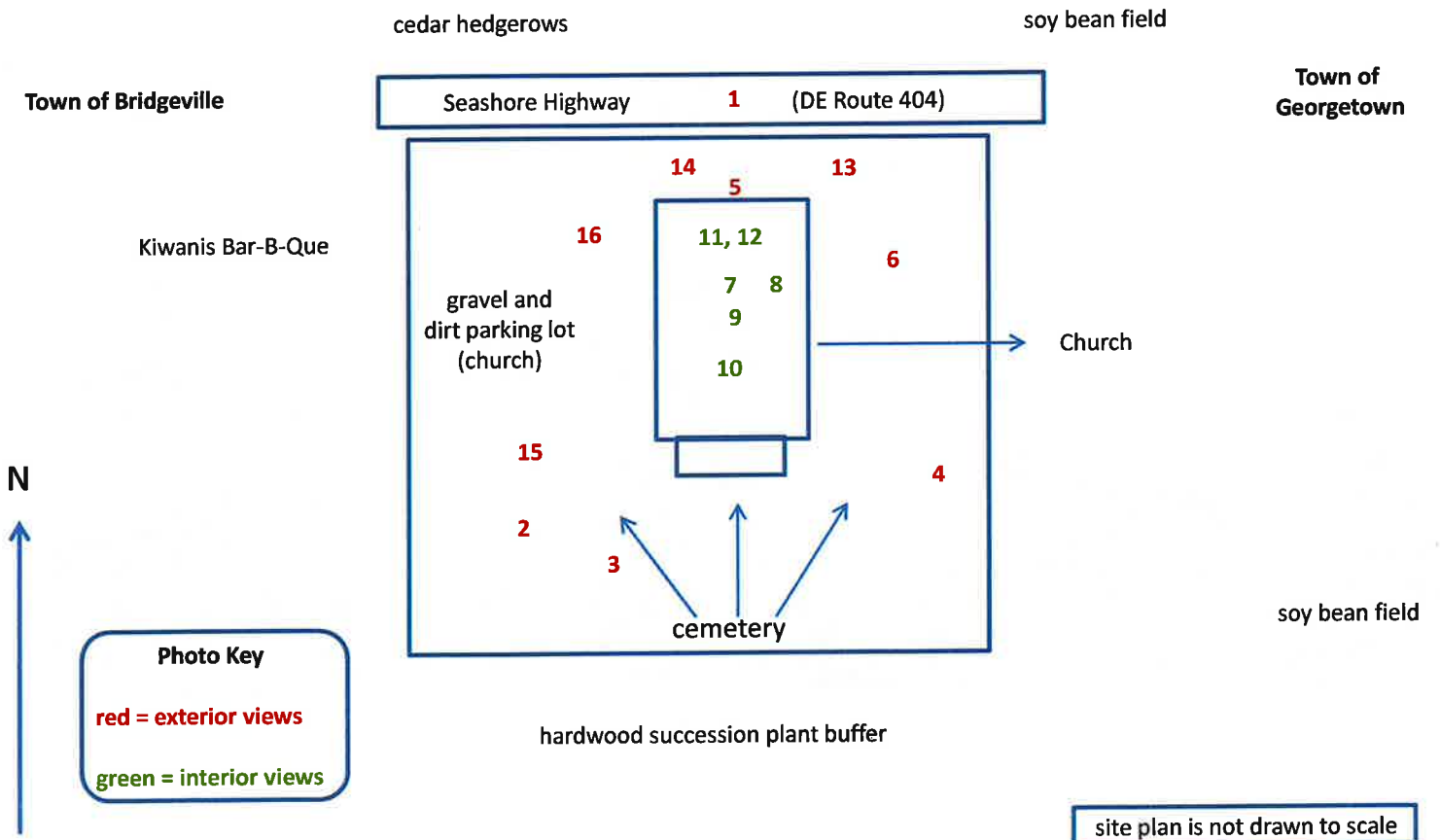


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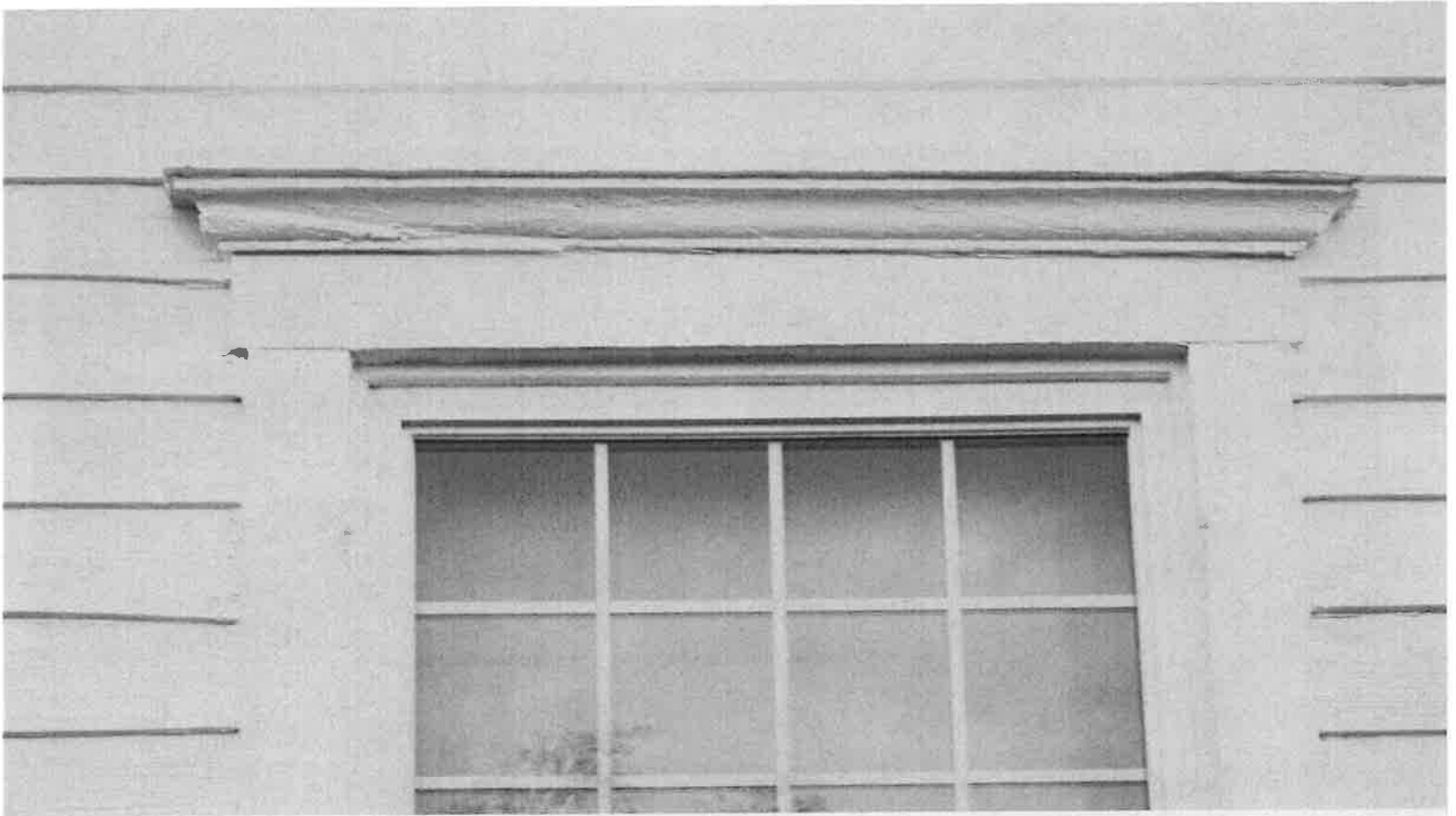
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DE_Sussex County_Hebron M.P. Church
three-quarter view looking northwest 04 of 16



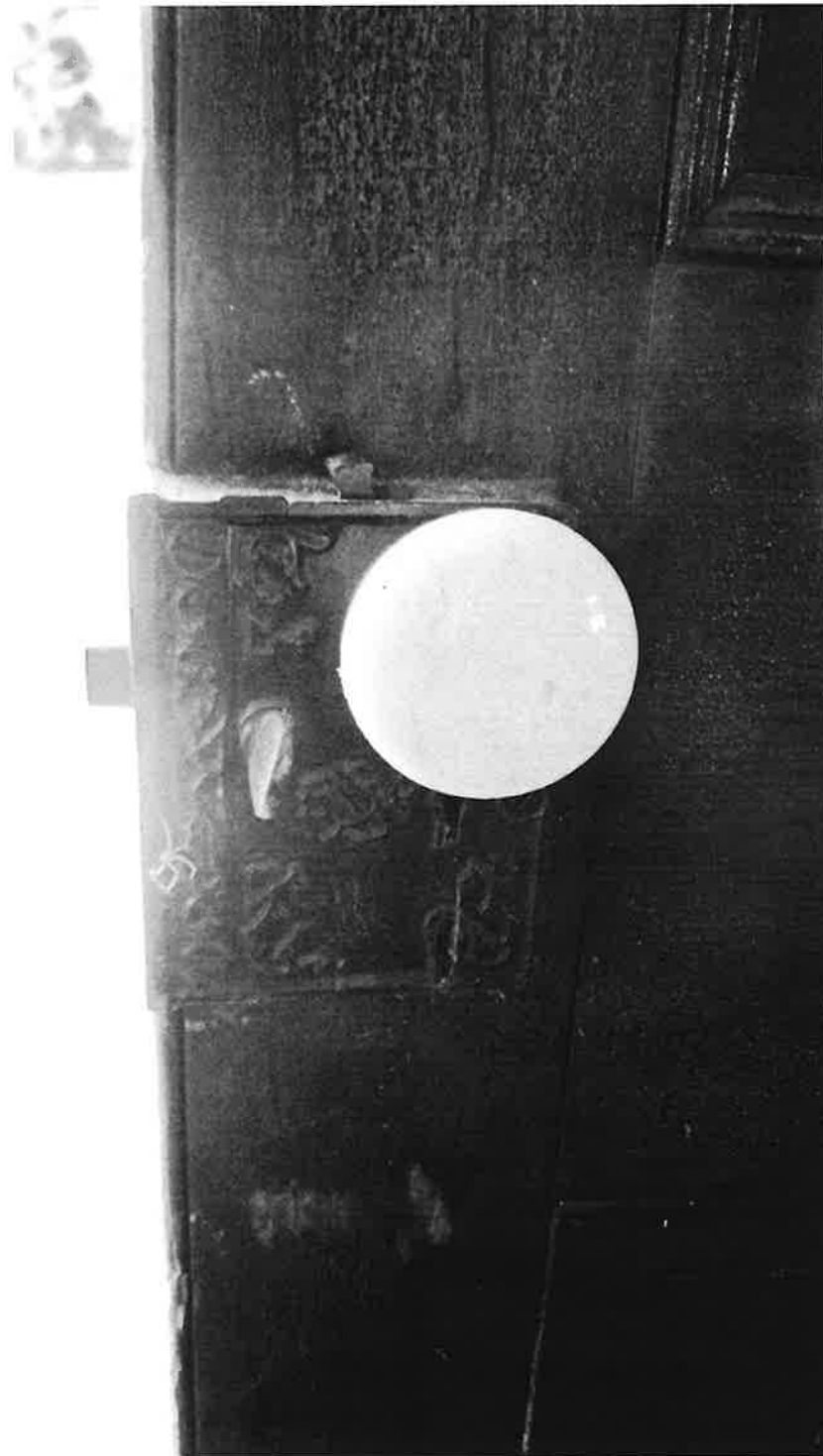
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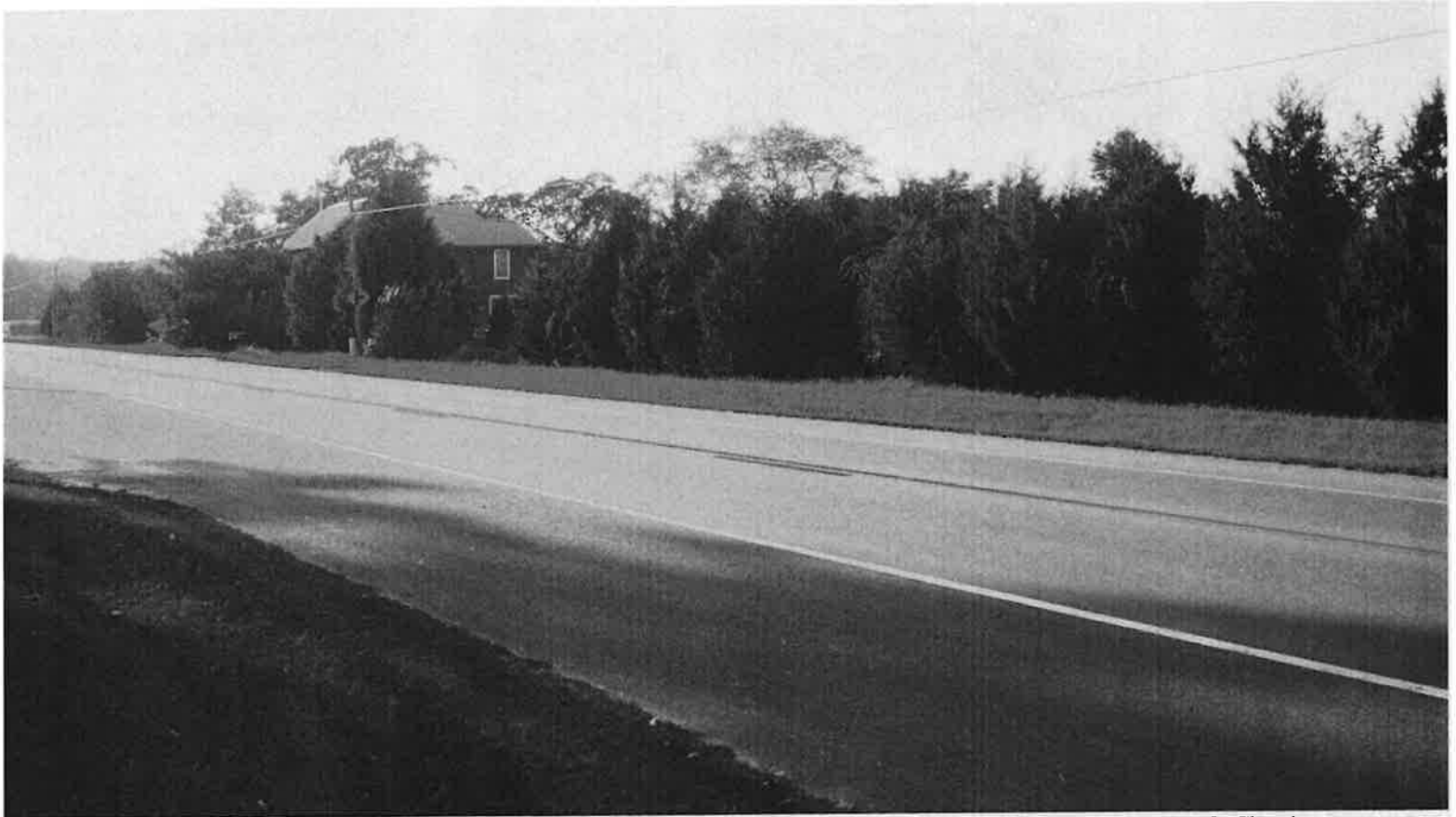
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southwest corner of sanctuary 08 of 16



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original pulpit with molded base and decorative
recessed panels



DE_Sussex County_Hebron M.P. Church
original multi-paneled, double-door entrance
with electroplated hardware and procelain knob 12 of 16



DE_Sussex County_Hebron M.P. Church
rural landscape view looking northwest of church
across Seashore Highway



DE_Sussex County_Hebron M.P. Church
view of adjoining property west of church 16 of 16

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Previously Surveyed
Not Eligible
Plate 177; Appendix A, Plat 20

This previously surveyed agricultural complex sits on the north side of Route 404, just east of Road 522. The mid-nineteenth century, farmhouse is a three bay by two bay, I-house with a gable roof and a large, rear addition. This two story addition extends across the entire north facade of the original house.

A large number of alterations to this structure make it ineligible for inclusion in the proposed Three Bay, I-House, Multiple Property Submission. The most obvious detractor is the large addition on the rear, which overpowers the original three bay by two bay I-house form. Other alterations include: modern, one over one, windows; a gable roofed pediment over the front door; and gray, composition shingle siding. There are better examples of a three bay I-house throughout the corridor.

CRS S-3193
Hebron Methodist Church and Cemetery
Previously Surveyed
Individually Eligible
Plate 178a, 178b, 178c, 176d; Appendix A, Plat 20

This small country church is located on the south side of Route 404, six miles east of Coverdale Crossroads. This property was previously surveyed. The frame building is one bay wide and three bays deep with a gable roof and a rear apse. The church rests on a brick foundation and is clad in white, horizontal wood siding.

According to a datestone on the corner of the building, the church was constructed in 1888. The land for the church was purchased from John A. Day in October 1888. The church closed its doors in 1933, but reopened sometime in the next ten years, with Virgil C. Little, a local preacher, conducting services (Zebley 1947:321). A small cemetery is present on the same lot as the church. The earliest grave appears to date to 1889, the year after the church was built. There are several family plots in the cemetery, with the prominent names being King, Wynngate, Hitchens, and West. The cemetery is still used as a burying ground today.

This church appears to be an individually eligible property. The building is in excellent condition and retains its original form and fenestration, with no apparent alterations. The church has remained active for over one hundred years, with only a brief interruption. Undoubtedly, this church provides a central meeting place for the local community. The building is an excellent example of a rural Sussex County church. The property is significant under the temporal period 1880-1940, within the context of Religion (Herman et. al. 1989).

CRS S-8465
Eligible: Five Bay, I-House, Multiple Property Submission
Figure 7; Plate 179; Appendix A, Plat 20

This abandoned, frame I-house is situated on the south side of Route 404. The building is two and one-half stories, five bays wide, and two bays deep, with a gable roof and a central entry. There are five, symmetrically placed windows in the second story of the front facade. All of the panes are missing, but they appear to have been six over six and double hung. On the interior, brick chimneys are present in the center of the roof line.

ing called Johnson's and was used until present building was dedicated in 1921. Present structure is a one story frame with belfry, bell, and stained glass windows. First settled clergyman, unknown. Minutes, 1921--, 2 vols.; in possession of Lincoln Harmon, R.F.D., Millsboro. Register, 1921--, 2 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Gilbert Ross, Milton. Sunday School, 1921--, 1 vol.; in church.

453. HEBRON METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1888--, Bridgeville Rd., Georgetown.

Organized 1888 at which time present church was built. It was first a charge of Milton, then of Georgetown, then of Cannon. It was a charge of Dagsboro for one year previous to closing in June 1934. Reopened in October 1935 and since has been served by minister from Georgetown. One story frame building. First settled clergyman, Rev. Franklin H. Mullineaux, 1888-89. Register (including financial and all records), 1936--, 1 vol.; in possession of pastor, Rev. Russell W. Sapp, Market and King Sts. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBM112, pp. 203 and 204.

454. MT OLIVE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1889--, State St., Delmar.

Organized 1889 as Bethesda Methodist Protestant Church. Services were held in a hall until 1891 when first church was erected. It was a one story frame building. Present church was dedicated in 1893. Name changed to Delmar Methodist Church in 1897. Present name adopted sometime prior to 1918. Church was remodeled in 1933. It is a one story brick veneered frame building with belfry and bell. First settled clergyman, Rev. J. A. Wright, 1893-97; educated at Western Maryland College and Seminary, Westminster, Md. Minutes, 1889--, 1 vol.; Financial, 1889--, 1 vol.; in possession of treasurer, Ernest F. Williams. Register, 1899--, 3 vols.; in possession of Rev. Walter A. Donaway, 2nd and Chestnut Sts. Sunday School, 1921--, 1 vol.; in possession of Sunday school secretary, Hazel Tinley. Deed and Charter, 1899, in vault of Bank of Delmar. Records of incorporation and deeds: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. BBR117, p. 156; vol. BBY124, p. 515; vol. DFG211, p. 373; vol. DHV278, p. 173.

455. DAGSBORO METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1890--, Main St., Dagsboro.

Organized and building dedicated 1890. Originally called Vines Neck Methodist Protestant Church. Services were held in private homes for a few month until the church was erected. In 1907 the church was moved from its location, one and one-half miles outside Dagsboro., to its present site and rebuilt. A one story frame structure with belfry. First settled clergyman, Rev. A. Betts, 1890-95. Minutes, 1907--, 1 vol.; in possession of Mr. Ray Steelman. Register, 1907--, 3 vols.; in possession of pastor, Rev. W. T. Archer. Financial, 1907--, 1 vol.; in possession of George Baker. Sunday School, 1935--, 1 vol.; in church safe. Records of incorporation and deed: Sussex Co. Recorder's office, Deeds Record; vol. CCI134, p. 340; vol. DEO193, p. 394.

456. DOVER METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, 1890--, Governor's Ave., Dover

Organized 1890, services being held in school building. This later became a part of the present church, which was opened and dedicated in 1893. Rebuilt

Heber M. P. Church

Land was given by John H Day
and wife Maria L. Day 24th of October
1888.

Trustees were Cyrus Legates, David
Wilson, Willard or William King, and
John H. Day - for \$25.00. with purpose of
a "House for Religious worship".
("Note the farm house on right of said site
was the Day property until sold in the 1990's")

This agreement was hand signed and sealed
by. John H. Day and Maria Day.
Notary republic by. I. T. Adams
Recorder - I. P. Morris

Everything was hand written.
they must have gotten tired
hard to read!

Lou Aunt Nellie

Townsend. gave
land for cemetery!

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HEBRON MP CHURCH IS A SMALL COUNTRY CHURCH LOCATED 2.5 MILES WEST OF GEORGETOWN SOUTH SIDE OF ROUTE 404 SIX MILES EAST OF COVERDALE CROSSROADS. LAND GIVEN FOR SUM OF 25.00 DOLLARS BY JOHN H DAY AND HIS WIFE MARIAH L DAY FOR A PLACE OF WORSHIP. THIS LAND WAS A SMALL PART OF WHAT WAS THEIR FARM . WE HAVE A OBITUARY STATING HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF HEBRON MP CHURCH NEAR HIS HOME. HIS FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD AT HEBRON MP CHURCH. HE PASSED AWAY JAN 16 1920 AND HE WAS BURIED ON HIS FARM IN A FAMILY CEMETERY ON ASBURY ROAD. HIS WIFE MARIAH L DAY DIED MAY 14 1910 AND IS BURIED IN COKESBURY. THE CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED APRIL 16TH 1888 AT TWO O'CLOCK IN A SCHOOL WHICH WAS KNOWN AS 54# KING SCHOOL.

IT IS STATED IN THE CHURCHES OF DELAWARE BY FRANK B ZEBLEY THAT THE CHURCH WAS INCORPORATED ON APRIL 16 1888. TRUSTEES NAMED WERE CYRUS LEGATES, DAVID WILSON, WILLIAM KING, JOHN H DAY, AND WILLIAM H WILSON. THE CHURCH WAS BUILT BY OCT 24 1888 AND DEEDED TO THE ELECTED TRUSTEES ON THE SAME DAY. IT IS NOTED AS TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH DIED OTHER TRUSTEES WERE NAMED TO CONTINUE ON WITH THE UPKEEP AND MAINTENCE AS WELL AS TO KEEP THE CHURCH OPEN . THE FRAME BUILDING IS ONE BAY WIDE AND THREE BAYS DEEP WITH A GABLE ROOF AND A REAR APSE. THE CHURCH RESTS ON ORIGINAL BRICK FOUNDATION WITH INNER AND OUTER WIDTHS. THE ORIGINAL WOOD PLATE IS 8"X8" BEAM .MADE FROM WHITE PINE. THE ORIGINAL FLOOR JOIST IS 2"X8" AND 16" CENTERS. THE WALLS ARE ROUGH CUT 2"X6" AND CHURCH IS CLAD IN A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF ORIGINAL WHITE WEATHERBOARD HORIZONTAL WOOD SIDING MADE FROM CYPRESS WOOD. INTERIOR INCLUDES DIAGONALLY PLACED WAINSCOTING (AN UNUSUAL FEATURE). ORIGINAL WINDOW SURROUNDS WITH CENTER PEAKED LINTELS, ORIGINAL WOODEN PEWS AND DOORS. SOME ORIGINAL FLOORING, ORIGINAL ELECTROPLATED HARDWARE HINGES AND DOOR LOCK, ORIGINAL COLORED GLASS TRANSOM , ORIGINAL PULPIT AND VICTORIAN ALTAR CHAIRS. THERE ARE TWO ORIGINAL BRICK CHIMMNEYS INSIDE, ONE ON EACH SIDE OF THE WALL THAT HAD A WOOD STOVE ON EA SIDE AT ONE TIME FOR HEAT. THE CHIMMNEYS ARE STILL THERE. THE CHURCH HAS TOTAL OF 1240 SQUARE FEET.

INSIDE DIMENSIONS WIDE 29 FEET LONG 39 FEET AND HEIGHT IS 16 FEET. OUTSIDE DIMENSIONS ARE WIDE 30 FEET LONG 40' AND HEIGHT 32 FEET. THERE ARE 10 WINDOWS 6' LONG ELONGATED WINDOWS, 3 ON EACH SIDE 2 ORIGINAL WINDOWS IN BACK OF CHURCH . A STAIN GLASS WINDOW ABOVE THE FRONT DOOR AND A LARGER CLEAR WINDOW ABOVE THE STAIN GLASS VERY CLOSE TO THE TOP OF THE ROOF. THERE WAS NO ELECTRICITY THEN AND STILL IS WITHOUT ELECTRICITY TODAY. NO RUNNING WATER THEN AND AND STILL NONE TODAY. THE BUILDING RETAINS ITS

ORIGINAL FORM AND FENESTRATION. THE BUILDING IS A EXCELLANT EXAMPLE OF A RURAL SUSSEX COUNTY CHURCH. THE PROPERTY IS SIGNIFICANT UNDER THE TEMPORAL PERIOD 1880-1940 WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF RELIGION (HERMAN ET.AL.1989. ACTIVE IN BUILDING THE CHURCH WERE JOHN H DAY, THEOPHILUS SWAIN, JOHN KING, WINGATE KING, JOHN C WINGATE , H.B. MILES, THOMAS KING, PETE N KING, STOCKLEY WEST, ROBERT R WEST, AND GEORGE W WEST. THERE WERE OTHERS I AM SURE BUT THIS IS WHAT I FOUND RECORDS OF . FIRST SETTLED CLERGYMAN WAS REV. FRANKLIN H MULLINEAUX 1888-1889.

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THERE IS A CEMETERY LOCATED ON THE SAME LOT AS THE CHURCH . THE HEBRON MP CHURCH OLDEST GRAVES ARE DATED 1889 THERE ARE 3 OF THEM CHARLEY H KING, AGUSTUS E SMITH,AND GEORGE R WINGATE. THE CEMETERY FEATURES A VARIETY OF ARTISTIC MONUMENTS. CURRENTLY STILL BEING USED WITH 3 BURIALS THIS YEAR 2014.CURRENTLY THERE IS ABOUT 106 SITES. SOME OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS ARE BURIED HERE. AS WELL AS VETERANS FROM THE CIVIL WAR , WORLD WAR 11 AND VIETNAM . SUCH NAMES ARE KING, WEST, DAVIS, JESTER, HITCHENS , CONAWAY, WINGATE, SMITH, MAGEE, WHITE ,TALLENT ETC. IT IS ALSO KNOWN THAT THERE ARE GRAVES THAT ARE UNMARKED THOSE SOULS ARE ONLY KNOWN TO GOD. CEMETERY IS CURRENTLY BEING TAKEN CARE OF BY RELATIVES.

BEFORE THE CHURCH BUILDING WAS BUILT SPRING OF 1879 JAMES MCDOWELL AND DANIEL MCCOLLEY CONDUCTED A SERIES OF SERVICES IN SCHOOL 54# LATER KNOWN AS KING SCHOOL. THIS RESULTED IN FORTY OR FIFTY CONVERSIONS. SEVERAL YEARS OF PRAYERS AND WORSHIP WERE HELD IN THE 54# SCHOOL AND 1885 PLANS WERE DISCUSSED FOR THE ERECTION OF HEBRON MP CHURCH.THE FIRST SETTLED CLERGYMAN FOR HEBRON MP CHURCH WAS FRANKLIN H MULLINEAUX 1888-1889. FROM 1820 TILL 1910 THERE WERE 33 TOTAL OF MP CHURCHES IN SUSSEX COUNTY DELAWARE MANY HAVE NOT SURVIVED. ONLY KNOW OF HEBRON MP CHURCH THAT IS STILL ACTIVE WITH A YEARLY HOME COMING.

IN THE DELAWARE CHURCH ARCHIVES I FOUND THAT HEBRON MP CHURCH WAS FIRST A CHARGE OF MILTON REV. J.A. WEIGAND, THEN OF GEORGETOWN REV. L.A BENNETT, THEN OF CANNON, REV SAMUEL F CASSEN, IT WAS A CHARGE OF DAGSBORO FOR ONE YEAR REV.W.T.ARCHER. IT IS ALSO NOTED IN THE CHURCHES OF DELAWARE BOOK THE REV. LOUIS A BENNETT HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE PASTORATE OF THE RURAL CHURCHES HEBRON AND PROVIDENCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO ESTABLISH A CHURCH IN TOWN OF GEORGETOWN. HE ARRIVED ON THE AFTERNOON OF APR. 24 1891 AFTER 3 DAYS DRIVE BY HORSE AND CARRIAGE FROM KEMPTOWN,MD.DILIGENT INQUIRY WITHIN A FEW DAYS DISCLOSED THAT THE TWO RURAL CHURCHES HAD LESS THAN A DOZEN MEMBERS. SURVEY ALSO FOUND DISSENTION FROM WESLEY ME CHURCH. A CHURCH WAS BUILT AND CALLED THE FIRST M.P. CHURCH OF GEORGETOWN, IT BURNED DOWN 2 TIMES. AND ANOTHER FIRE FOR THE 3RD TIME DID DAMAGE, BEFORE ANOTHER ONE WAS BUILT . A PAPER DATED FEB 15 1914 WAS WRITTEN ON A MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON THAT DATE FOR

PURPOSE OF REORGANIZATION, OF THE HEBRON MP CHURCH. THE FIRST IN ORDER WAS THE ELECTION OF A BOARD OF STEWARDS. ELIJAH KING WAS NAMED STEWARD AND GEORGE WEST , JOSEPH PARKER AND THEOPHILUS SWAIN WERE NAMED TRUSTEES . JOHN H DAY SECRETARY ,ELIJAH KING WAS NOMINATED TO BE A DELEGATE FOR THE ANNUAL FOURTH QUARTERLY CONFERENCE. IT WAS HELD ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT 2:30 PM IN THE HEBRON MP CHURCH ON MARCH 7 1914. IN 1916 IN THE EARLY ORGANIZATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WE FIND IN THE ROLL CALL BOOK OF 1916 THAT SUPERINTENDENT WAS JOHN H DAY . THE ASSISTANT WAS ROY SWAIN. THE SECRETARY WAS ELIJAH W KING . THE TREASURER WAS MRS CLARA WEST . THE ORGANIST MRS.EMMA KING . THE ASSISTANT ORGANIST WAS PIDGIE MAE HITCHENS. THE LIBRARIAN WAS HIRAM SMITH. WE HAVE RECORDS OF MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH UP TO 1924.

IN FEB 4 1923 FOLLOWING OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.SUPERINTENDANT WAS JW TOWNSEND, ASSISTANT WAS MRS. MAGGIE KING,SECRETARY WAS GRACE ISSACS. ASSISTANT RODNEY KING, TREASURER ELIJAH KING , ORGANIST EMMA KING.

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING MAY 14 1923. TRUSTEES NOMINATED WERE CONFERENCE YEAR WAS NORMAN SHORT, PRESIDENT OF BOARD WALTER CONAWAY, SILAS MAGEE , HIRAM SMITH , ELIJAH KING.FOLLOWING WERE ELECTED STEWARDS. ROY SWAIN,BESSIE HITCHENS, ELIJAH KING,LIZZIE MESSICK, EMMA KING.ROY SWAIN WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF STEWARDS.JW TOWSEND PASTOR ,CHAIRMAN OF MEETING.

ANNUAL MEETING FEB 24 1924. TRUSTEES ELECTED NORMAN SHORT, WALTER CONAWAY, SILAS MAGEE, HIRAM SMITH, AND ELIJAH KING. ROY SWAIN,CLARA MESSICK,AND EMMA KING ELECTED STEWARDS. JOE SHORT CLASS LEADER. ROY H SWAIN SECRETARY.

OCT 27, 1937 GRANVILLE MESSICK, ORLANDO KING, ROY SWAIN TRUSTEES.

MAY 15 1938 TRUSTEES- GRANVILLE MESSICK, ORLANDO KING, ROY SWAIN.STEWARDS WERE CARLTON SMITH,ROY H SWAIN,GRANVILLE S MESSICK,ORLANDO KING,MRS MARY C SMITH. ORGANIST DELLA MESSICK,ASSISTANT MARETTA CONAWAY,SUPERINDENDENT ORLANDO KING, ASSIST RAYMOND SHORT, TREASURER MRS MAGGIE KING, SECRETARY MARETTA CONAWAY, LIBRARIAN MRS RUTH SMITH. THE PASTOR RUSSELL W SAPP OVERSAW THE MEETING. THEY WERE ALL REELECTED A 2ND TERM.

JAN 1 1939 REV RUSSELL W SAPP PRESIDING, GRANVILLE MESSICK,PRESIDENT OF BOARD AND ROY H SWAIN SECRETARY A SEAL OF CORPORATION WAS VOTED ON. JAN 6 1939. THERE IS A DEED BETWEEN HEBRON MP CHURCH TRUSTEES OF SUSSEX COUNTY GIVING SOME OF IT'S LAND TO THE STATE HWY DEPT STATE OF DELAWARE FOR RIGHT OF WAY FOR SUM OF 1.00.

A BUSINESS MEETING IN FEB 7 1943 NOTED A GAS RATIONING, LIZZIE R SWAIN THE

TREASURER AND ROY H SWAIN ,RUTH SMITH , AND LLOYD KING TO SELECT STEWARDS. MARCH 3 1946 PASTOR REV WM KESMODEL PRESIDED , REELECTED TRUSTEES , GRANVILLE MESSICK, ORLANDO KING, AND ROY H SWAIN. DELLA MESSICK, RUTH SMITH, ARINATHA KING AND,LLOYD KING ELECTED STEWARDS. LIZZIE R SWAIN ELECTED TREASURER.

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IN THE CLASS ROLL BOOK WE FIND THAT IN THE YEAR 1916 THE MEMBERS OF THE HEBRON MP CHURCH WERE AS FOLLOWS. MRS. MARY C SMITH, MRS JULIA A SWAIN, THEOPHILUS SWAIN, GEORGE W WEST, JOHN H DAY, MRS ELLA DAY(JOHN H DAY SECOND WIFE) FIRST WIFE PASSED AWAY, ROBERT R WEST, WINGATE KING, JAMES N RUSSELL, MRS MARGARET WEST, LIZZIE R SWAIN, EDWARD WEST, MRS LIZZIE MESSICK, AMELIA J WHITE , JACOB N WEST, MRS EDITH M MAGEE, DAVID B WILSON, ISSAC GARFIELD WEST, ROY H SWAIN, CYRUS B WILSON, MRS BESSIE HITCHENS, MRS ALICE E WILKINS, MRS JULIA A HITCHENS, CHARLES A CONAWAY, MRS ELLA CONAWAY, MRS JULIA REYNOLDS, MRS LOVIE WELLS, ELIJAH KING, JOSEPH H PARKER, MRS CATHERINE PARKER , JOSEPH S SHORT, MRS MINNIE C SHORT, SAMUEL M WHITE , MRS ANNA J CALLAWAY.,CLARA M WEST,WILLARD S MESSICK, THORA KING,, MAGGIE HITCHENS, CARTH A CONAWAY, DELLA MESSICK,AND AMELIA J WHITE..ALSO SAME DATE THERE WERE 20 PEOPLE LISTED AS PROBATIONERS IN THE YEARS OF 1917 AND 1918 WERE AS HIGH AS 56 CHURCH MEMBERS.WE HAVE CHURCH RECORDS UP TO 1946

MONEY WAS MADE FOR THE UPKEEP OF THE CHURCH BY HAVING LADIES AIDES, PLEDGES AND DONATIONS . WHEN TALKING TO ANY OLDER PERSON WHO WENT TO THE FUNCTIONS AT THE CHURCH THEY ALWAYS TELL YOU OF THE GOOD TIMES THEY HAD. BUT OF COARSE LIKE TODAY THERE WAS SOME MISCHIEVOUS GOING ON OUTSIDE WHILE THEY WERE HAVING THE FUNCTIONS INSIDE.

SOME OF THE PREACHERS IN THE EARLY YEARS WERE W.W. JOHNSON REV. HUNGERFORD. REV BLACK, REV SIKNEY, REV J.W. TOWNSEND, REV. ROSS, REV. SIMS, REV. CULLUM, REV VIRGIL C LITTLETON, REV. RUSSELL W SAPP, REV.WM KESMODEL, REV. DEARHOLT, REV. ROBERT VANCLEAF,THE CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED IN 1888 AT WHICH TIME PRESENT CHURCH WAS BUILT. IT WAS FIRST A CHARGE OF MILTON,THEN OF GEORGETOWN,THEN OF CANNON. IT WAS A CHARGE OF DAGSBORO FOR ONE YEAR PREVIOUS TO CLOSING IN JUNE 1934. REOPENED IN OCTOBER 1935 AND SINCE WAS SERVED BY MINISTER FROM GEORGETOWN. ACCORDING TO DELAWARE CHURCH ARCHIVES . AT THAT TIME WAS REV.RUSSELL W. SAPP, MARKET AND KING STS. RECORDS OF INCORPORATION AND DEED : SUSSEX CO RECORDER'S OFFICE , DEEDS RECORD: VOL.BBM112,PP. 203AND 204. WE HAVE RECORDS OF NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS IN SINGING AND RECITALS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH DATED FROM 1914 TO 1946. AT SOME POINT IN TIME ABOUT 1939 THERE WAS A MOVEMENT TO COMBINE THE 2 BRANCHES OF METHODISM UNITED UNDER THE NAME THE METHODIST CHURCH . THESE 2 BRANCHES WERE THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH AND THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. IT WAS OVERHEARD THAT REV MULLIGAN ASSOCIATED WITH METHODIST CHURCH IN GEORGETOWN DECIDED

NOT TO SERVICE HEBRON MP CHURCH DUE TO LACK OF ATTENDANCE, THE WARS, AND OPENING OF OTHER CHURCHES . THIS TOOK IT'S TOLL ON THE HEBRON MP CHURCH. THROUGH OUT THE HISTORY OF HEBRON MP CHURCH IT HAS HAD TRUSTEES. STEWARDS AND HAD CONFERENCES TO ATTEND. WHICH WERE THE MARYLAND CONFERENCE OF METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCHES. THE COUNTRY CHURCH HAS SURVIVED ALL THESE YEARS AND HAS KEPT IT'S NAME .THERE IS A ROLL BOOK WITHIN HAS A DATE JAN 1 1939 SEAL OF CORPORATION HEBRON METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH GEORGETOWN DE INC APRIL 16 1888. BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF TRUSTEES GRANVILLE MESSICK WAS CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF BOARD AND ROY H SWAIN SECRETARY.

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AROUND 1957 THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH GOT TOGETHER AGAIN AND HIRED RETIRED MINISTER WALTER G BARLOW TO DO SERMANS AND HELP HAVE HOME COMINGS. AT THAT TIME REV GEORGE C GODFREY PASTOR OF THE BLADES METHODIST CIRCUIT ALSO HELPED DELIVER THE SERMON . WHEN PASTOR WALTER G BARLOW PASSED AWAY IN 1961 THE CHURCH AGAIN WAS CLOSED. IN 1963 LLOYD T KING AND HIS SON PRESTON L KING DECIDED TO FRESHEN UP THE INSIDE OF THE CHURCH FOR HOME COMING. THE REV WILLIAM T ARCHER JR WAS THE PREACHER. HOME COMINGS WERE ALWAYS WELL ATTENDED. IT WAS DIFFICULT TO KEEP THE CHURCH OPEN FOR SERMANS DUE TO LACK OF ATTENDANCE. . USUALLY SERMONS WERE HELD EVERY OTHER SUNDAY.

IN THE EARLY 70'S THE KIWANIS CLUB IN GEORGETOWN BREATHED LIFE IN THE CHURCH AGAIN. THEY BOUGHT IN ALL KINDS OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP CLEAN AND FIX UP THE CHURCH. SINGING , PIANO PLAYING AND SERMONS AND COVERED DISHES ALWAYS MADE FOR WELL ATTENDED HOMECOMING.HOMECOMINGS SERVICES ARE HELD YEARLY WITH MINISTERS BEING INVITED BY FAMILIES WHO HAVE KEPT THE CHURCH GOING. IT IS NOT UNDER ANY CHARGE. HOMECOMING SERVICES ARE STILL HELD TO THIS DAY, THE LAST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER AT 1.30.

HEBRON METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH HAS NEVER CHANGED ITS NAME. THE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT HAVE LOVED ONES IN IT'S CEMETERY HAVE A DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THE HERITAGE OF THE CHURCH AND IT'S FOUNDING FATHERS.

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1989 WEST SIDE OF CHURCH MISSING SHINGLES REPLACED FOR THE ROOF

1989-1990 FRONT STEPS WORKED ON

1991 WINDOWS WERE RECALKED AND GLAZED

1994 CHURCH REPAINTED AND 3 BOARDS FOR SIDING WERE REPLACED

1995 FRONT STEPS REDONE, STUCCO AROUND FOUNDATION OF CHURCH AND A RAMP FOR STEPS

1995 STEP RAILING PUT UP FOR STEPS

1995 RULES AND REGULATION SIGNS FOR CEMETERY

2002 CHURCH REPAINTED 2003 REPLACED DAMAGED WINDOW 2004 REFURBISHED

CHURCH SIGN THAT'S IN FRONT OF CHURCH, 2005 FIXED FLOOR SPRAYED TERMINATES

2008 6 ELONGATED WINDOWS WERE REPLACED, BACK TWO WINDOWS IN BACK OF PULPIT ARE ORIGINAL.

2012 CHURCH REPAINTED

2014 DUE TO TERMINATES, FOUNDATION IS BEING BEEFED UP AND CEMENT FOUNDATION POLES WERE PUT IN FOR FLOOR SUPPORT AND NEW PINE FLOORING PUT IN, SAME SIZE AS THE ORIGINAL. ENTIRE PULPIT AREA IS STILL ORIGINAL. ALL THE ORIGINAL BRICKS ARE INTACT. THE FLOOR JOIST MOST WAS DAMAGED BY TERMINATES WERE REPLACED. ONE FLOOR JOIST WHICH IS INTACT MADE FROM PINE PEGGED AND MORISE WE HAVE KEPT. WE HAVE ALSO KEPT ALL FOUNDATION BOARDS THAT WERE STILL GOOD. COUNTY OF SUSSEX WOULD NOT ALLOW US TO REUSE DUE TO COUNTY CODE EVEN THOUGH WERE TOLD TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. ALL ORIGINAL NAILS WERE SAVED. ORIGINAL WALLS AND CEILINGS ARE STILL INTACT. THE TWO CHIMNEYS ARE STILL INTACT. WE ALSO HAVE KEPT SOME OF ORIGINAL FLOORING. NINETY EIGHT PERCENT OF THE ORIGINAL SIDING IS BEING PUT BACK ON CHURCH NOTHING ELSE HAS BEEN REPLACED. CHURCH REPAINTED WHITE. INSIDE AROUND CHIMNEY BOTTOM BOARDS REPLACED DUE TO TERMITE AND WATER DAMAGE. SOME BOTTOM BASE BOARDS REPLACED DUE TO WATER DAMAGE AND TERMITES. NEW FRONT STORM DOORS INSTALLED.

2014 FRONT STEP PAINTED GRAYISH BLUE TO MAINTAIN CEMENT STEPS.

2015 NEW ROOF WAS PUT IN PLACE DUE TO LEAKING OF ROOF IN THE STYLE OF WEATHERED WOOD SHINGLES WHICH AT ONE TIME WAS ORIGINAL TO THE BUILDING OF THE CHURCH AND WINDOW SHUTTERS WITH HARDWARE WAS PUT IN PLACE AGAIN IT WAS STATED THERE WAS WINDOW SHUTTERS TO THE ORIGINAL WINDOWS THE SHUTTERS ARE PAINTED GREEN IN COLOR. THIS WILL HELP PROTECT THE WINDOWS AND THE INTERIOR OF THE CHURCH WOOD. RECONSTRUCTION WORK WAS DONE BY PAYNE CONSTRUCTION FROM GEORGETOWN.

DE .PAID FOR BY DONATIONS FROM FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE ORIGINAL CHURCH BUILDERS, FAMILY MEMBERS THAT CARED FOR THE UPKEEP OF THE CHURCH IN THE

PAST AND MEMBERS THAT WANT THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH TO STAY ALIVE. WE
THANK THEM ALL.

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LIST OF PREACHERS AND PASTORS

THIS LIST IS WHAT I FOUND RECORDS OF THERE MAY BE OTHERS OR DATES MAY BE OFF A LITTLE.

I HAVE ALREADY LISTED CLERGYMAN THAT SERVED THE CHURCH IN THE PAST I HAVE A LIST THAT HAVE BEEN INVITED TO BE GUEST SPEAKERS FOR HOMECOMINGS

1973 AND 1974 REV ROBERT VAN CLEAF

1975 FRANCIS WILSON

1976 REV BROOKS REYNOLD

1977 AUSTIN BRITTINGHAM

1978 REV TAWES

1979 REV GREEN

1980 AND 1981 REV DOWNING

1982 REV FRANCIS WILSON

1983 REV COOK

1984-1987 FRANCIS WILSON

1988 -2009 LEONARD CHAFFINCH

2010-2012 JOE ROZIN

2013- 2014 GRADY TUCKER

AT THIS TIME WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT CHURCH RECORDS WERE HELD IN HOMES OR WITH CHURCH PASTORS. SOME WERE LOST OR MISPLACED AND SOME WERE SAVED AND HANDED DOWN. THE FEW PAPERS THAT WERE SAVED AND SHARED I HAVE COMPILED THIS DATA. MOST RECENT CHURCH RECORDS AND INFO WAS KEEP BY LLOYD T KING AND WIFE MARY, THAN PRESTON L KING AND WIFE DOROTHY, THAN ALIENE SHORT THAN NELLIE ADAMS WHICH HAS MAINTAINED THEM FOREVER AND STILL DOES IT TODAY. ALL CHURCH MEMBERS AND RELATIVES OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS THANK THEM.

CURRENT TRUSTEES YEAR 2014 . MRS. NELLIE ADAMS 21902 VAUGHN RD GEORGETOWN DE 19947 PHONE 302 856 7996. SHE IS OUR SEC-TREASURER. HER DAUGHTER MRS. MARY SUE WILLIAMSON 22022 VAUGHN RD GEORGETOWN, DE 19947. PHONE 302 856 6971. MR BILL LAWSON AND PAT LAWSON 24438 REYNOLDS POND RD MILTON, DE 19968 .302 684 3197.

WE WOULD ASK THAT MANY CONTINUE TO DONATE TO THE CHURCH FUNDS FOR THE UPKEEP OF HEBRON MP CHURCH BUILDING AND CEMETERY FOR NOW AND INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.