

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>New Jersey</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Gloucester</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
<b>APR 3 - 1973</b>	



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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Moravian Church**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Moravian Church**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Swedesboro-Sharptown Road**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Oliphant's Mill (Porches Mill)**

STATE: **New Jersey**      CODE: **34**      COUNTY: **Gloucester**      CODE: **015**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Gloucester County Historical Society**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**58 North Broad Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Woodbury**      STATE: **New Jersey**      CODE: **34**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**County Clerk's Office, Gloucester County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Broad and Delaware Streets**

CITY OR TOWN: **Woodbury**      STATE: **New Jersey**      CODE: **34**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Historic American Buildings Survey (NJ-81A)**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1938**       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Library of Congress**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**-**

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington**      STATE: **D.C.**      CODE: **11**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Moravian Church was built c.1786-1789 and received minor alterations after being conveyed to the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1836.

1. Exterior: The exterior of this building is red brick with Flemish bond on the east front facade and common bond on the other three sides. There is also a belt course on the east wall. The foundations are New Jersey ironstone in mortar. A former stove chimney of brick on the west side is partly demolished. A former entry porch and doorway on the north, probably an Episcopal renovation, has been long ago removed and bricked-in. The roof is gable with wood shingles and with a simple wood cornice. There are the original 12/12 window sash in original pegged frames, as well as two large 12/12 fixed windows on the west wall. Some of the glass is old and most of the wood shutters appear to be original, with original hardware still intact. There are two double doorways with six lights above each on the east front with some original hardware, such as the decorative strap hinges. Also there is a small doorway raised off the ground on the west, with its original hardware, which is thought to have been used for coffins.
2. Interior: The plan of the church is rectangular, but the original seating plan is unknown; although during Episcopal occupancy it probably had a center aisle entered from the north. The wainscot probably is original, of beaded wood boards with plaster above. The exterior wall changes in thickness about 8' above the floor creating an interior ledge. A former rear balcony, vestry and pulpit, all Episcopal renovations, are now removed.
3. Site: The church is located near the southwest corner of a highway and a country road. The ruined stone foundations of a frame parsonage stand immediately north of the church. The site slopes gently towards Oldman's Creek on the south with a graveyard south of the church.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Built c. 1786-1789**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is the oldest and only surviving Moravian building in South Jersey. A Moravian Mission was established in Southern New Jersey in 1741 when a log church was built at this site and dedicated by Bishop Augustus G. Spanenberg.

On January 13, 1785, the matter of building a new church was discussed at a meeting. In 1786 construction of the present brick edifice was begun by Pastor Francis Boehler. On June 28, 1789, the last service was held in the old log church and on the following Sunday, July 5, 1789, the present church, in an unfinished state, was dedicated by Bishop Ettwein. The church was essentially abandoned by 1804. In 1836, the property was conveyed to the Protestant Episcopal Church of New Jersey. In 1948 the Gloucester County Historical Society acquired title to the property and interdenominational services are held here four times each year.

Congressional Representation

Honorable Clifford P. Case - U.S. Senator  
 Honorable Harrison A. Williams - U.S. Senator  
 Honorable John E. Hunt - Congressman -(First Congressional District)

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Gorska, Hanka Inventory of Historic Sites, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, 1969, p.200 (photo).

Minotty, Paul The Records of the Moravian Church at Oldman's Creek, Gloucester County Historical Society, Woodbury, N.J. 1968.

Stewart, F.H. (Editor) Old Gloucester County, New Jersey, New Jersey Society of Pennsylvania, 1917, pp. 76-86.  
"Zion Chapel, Moravia" Bulletin, Gloucester County Historical Society, Vol. 2, No. 1 (September 1949), p.1.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		39° 42' 06"	75° 42' 06"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than 3 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**William B. Bassett, Architectural Historian**

ORGANIZATION: **John M. Dickey, Architect**      DATE: **May 7, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**206A West State Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Media**      STATE: **Pennsylvania 19063**      CODE: **42**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: *Richard J. Sullivan*  
**Richard J. Sullivan**

Title: Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Date: May 1, 1972

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*Robert H. Utley*  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/3/73

ATTEST:  
*[Signature]*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3/23/73

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