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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC NAME
Holmdel Dutch Reformed Church

AND/OR COMMON NAME

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
41 Main Street

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Holmdel

___ VICINITY OF

Third

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

New Jersey

034

Monmouth

025

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

___ DISTRICT

___ PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

___ AGRICULTURE

___ MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

___ UNOCCUPIED

___ COMMERCIAL

___ PARK

___ STRUCTURE

___ BOTH

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

___ ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

___ OBJECT

___ IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

___ GOVERNMENT

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ BEING CONSIDERED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ NO

___ MILITARY

___ OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

The Holmdel Community Church of the United Church of Christ

STREET & NUMBER

41 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Holmdel

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

New Jersey 07733

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Monmouth County Hall of Records

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Freehold

STATE

New Jersey 07728

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey for Holmdel Community Church of the United Church of Christ

DATE

3/11/1969 - Revised 1/29/1976

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Town Hall

CITY, TOWN

Holmdel

STATE

New Jersey

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Holmdel Community Church of the United Church of Christ owns the old Dutch Reformed Church property situated on the northeast corner of Main Street and Holmdel-Keyport Road in the Township of Holmdel, New Jersey. In addition to the church edifice, a chapel is also located on the premises. Both buildings are of frame construction and are located on their original sites.

The original section of the church was built shortly after the property was purchased in 1837. It was forty-two feet wide and sixty-two feet long. Originally sixty-two pews were installed.

In 1855 a steeple was added and a new bell was installed.

A major alteration was made in 1897 when a twelve foot addition was constructed on the rear of the church building. At the same time, the original structure was renovated by installing a tin ceiling and a slate roof. In addition, the interior was further improved by replacing the original pews and by laying Brussels carpet in the chancel area. The stained glass windows were also installed at this time.

The exterior of the church edifice is Greek Revival in form. The steeple is graceful and well proportioned and harmonizes with the main structure. Some Italianate detailing is present. The fine stained glass windows add much to the appearance of this beautiful building. A stained glass eyebrow window in the front gable and round stained glass memorial windows, two on each side of the building, complement the tall stained glass memorial windows. The exterior of the church is in good condition.

The interior of the building retains much of its 1897 appearance. The most evident alteration from that time is the decorative tin ceiling.

The chapel was built in 1850. It is 1 1/2 stories and Greek Revival in style.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1838

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dutch Reformed Church, from which the present 1838 building descends, is the oldest church of its denomination in central New Jersey, as well as one of the oldest in the state.

Architecturally, the church represents a Greek Revival form with Greek Revival detailing around the entrance doors. The steeple has Italianate detailing on a traditional steeple form. The interior of the church reflects the popularized use of pressed tin, a late 19th century alteration to the church.

The church is located at the crossroads of Holmdel Village and is the only structure of historic significance remaining at this focal point of Holmdel.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Continuation Sheet

**UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.725 acres - from sideline of road

QUADRANGLE NAME Marlboro, New Jersey

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1, 8 | 5, 6, 9, 2, 6, 0 | 4, 4, 6, 6, 1, 8, 0
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B [] | [] | []
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C [] | [] | []

D [] | [] | []

E [] | [] | []

F [] | [] | []

G [] | [] | []

H [] | [] | []

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 11-A, Lot 19 - Holmdel Tax Map

See Continuation Sheet

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE Mrs. Helen B. Flemer, Past President, Trustee and Historian
Mrs. Joie Sorrentino, President

ORGANIZATION

Holmdel Historical Society

DATE

4/26/1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 362

TELEPHONE

(201) 946-4744 or (201) 842-3460

CITY OR TOWN

Holmdel

STATE

New Jersey

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL XX

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

Deputy

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

[Handwritten Signature]

3-5-80

TITLE Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

[Handwritten Signature]

DATE 10-22-80

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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Holmdel Dutch Reformed Church, Monmouth County, NJ

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(A) Book - What God Hath Joined Together; "A History of the Holmdel Baptist Church, 1668-1968, The Holmdel Reformed Church, 1699-1968"; The Holmdel Community Church of the United Church of Christ 1968; Holmdel, New Jersey, 1977.

Ellis, Franklin. History of Monmouth County. Philadelphia, PA.

- (B) Deeds
1. April 4, 1837 - First Deed located at the Monmouth County Historical Society, Freehold, New Jersey.
 2. April 4, 1837 - Transcribed copy of First Deed, located at the Monmouth County Hall of Records, Freehold, New Jersey. Book Q3, Page 63.
 3. March 4, 1970 - Monmouth County Hall of Records, Freehold, New Jersey. Book 3681, Page 81.

(C) Newspaper Article. Church reopening February 14, 1897. Monmouth County Historical Society, Freehold, New Jersey. Date and newspaper unknown.

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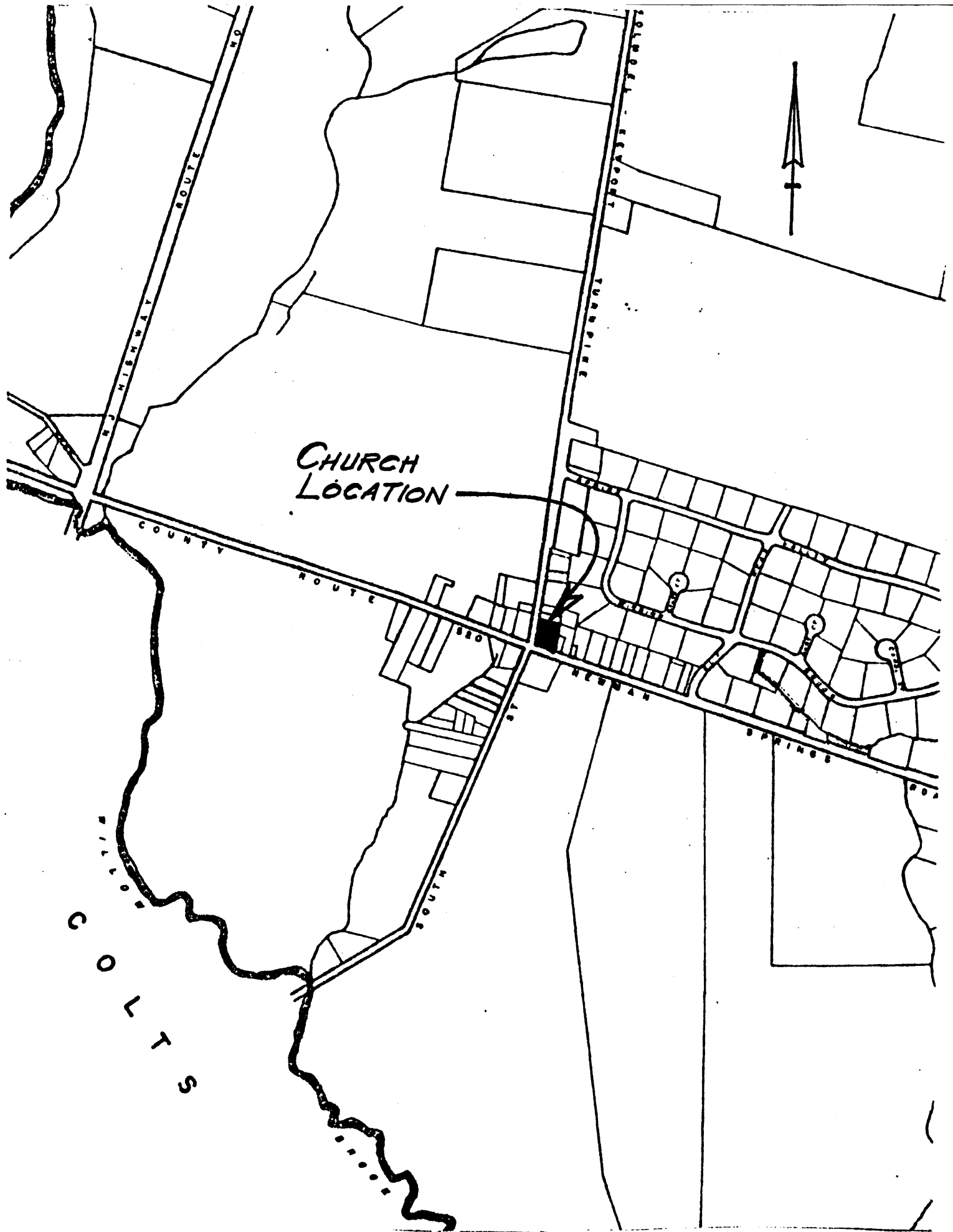
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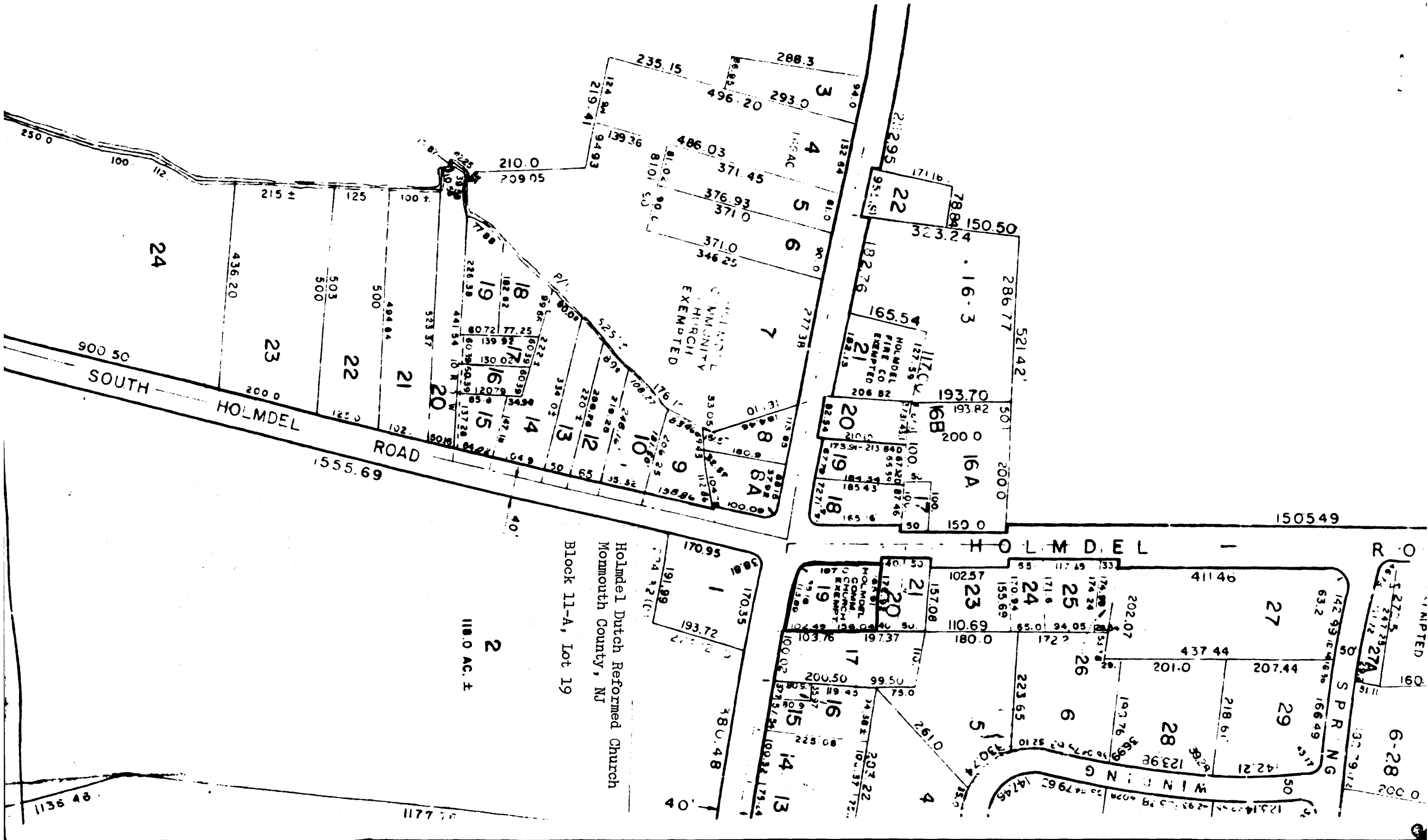
Beginning at a stone planted where a Locust tree formerly stood in the center of the two main roads or highways, the one leading from Holmdel to the Village of Middletown and the other from Holmdel to Key Port Landing (first) South 83 1/2 degrees East 2 chains and 65 links (second) North 3 degrees West 3 chains and 85 links (third) West 2 chains and 62 links (fourth) South 2 1/2 degrees East 3 chains and 54 links to the place of beginning. Containing 97/100 of an acre. As appears on Deed dated February 15, 1837 in Book Q3, Page 63, Hall of Records, Monmouth County, Freehold, New Jersey



CHURCH
LOCATION

COLTS





HOLMDEL
COMMUNITY
CHURCH
EXEMPTED

Holmdel Dutch Reformed Church
Mormouth County, NJ
Block 11-A, Lot 19

2
118.0 AC. ±

HOLMDEL

S P R I N G

WINDING

6-28
1112 27A
1112 27B
1112 27C
1112 27D
1112 27E
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