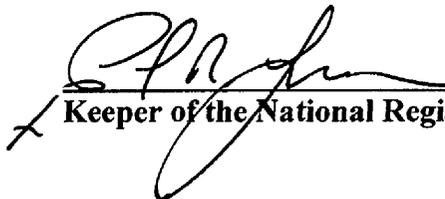




United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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Washington, D.C. 20240

The attached property, St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church in Sussex County, Delaware, reference number 77000400, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 10/28/1977, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST notice of Tuesday, February 7, 1978, Part II, Vol.43, No. 26, page 5185. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.


Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church

AND/OR COMMON St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church

FORM AS SUBMITTED TO OAHF

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Front Street

CITY, TOWN Seaford NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Delaware VICINITY OF One COUNTY SUSSEX CODE 003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Luke's Church

STREET & NUMBER Front Street

CITY, TOWN Seaford VICINITY OF STATE Delaware

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Sussex County Court House

STREET & NUMBER The Circle

CITY, TOWN Georgetown STATE Delaware

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Delaware Cultural Resource Survey; S-258

DATE 1973 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, Bureau of Archaeology & Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN Dover STATE Delaware

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Reconstructed in 1904, St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church is a late Gothic-revival style structure. The church sits on a one-square block lot bounded by King Street on the south, Poplar Street on the north, North Street on the east and Front Street on the west. The church lot includes a large cemetery. To the rear of the lot is the parish house which was built in the 1920's and which holds no significance.

The church is constructed of brick laid in common running bond. Its facade is dominated by a battlemented three-story tower with lancet windows and a canopied front door. Flanking the tower are lancet windows. Three sets of lancet stained-glass windows pierce the side walls. A slate gable roof with exposed rafters and a flared eave surmounts the main two-story portion of the church. The roof of the one-story connecting chancel has a more pronounced flare. Concrete buttresses, added in 1943 to stabilize the structure, complete the Gothic design. This was the only addition made to the 1904 renovation.

The interior is distinguished by dark colored roof timbers, simulating English oak, with exposed trusses. The walls are white plaster.

Only the walls and chancel remain from the original structure of 1843 which had a steeple instead of the present Gothic tower. The eastern wing, including the chancel and vestry room, was a later addition, predating the 1904 Gothic reconstruction.

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3 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1843, 1904

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although it is Seaford's oldest church building still in use, St. Luke's is architecturally significant primarily for its 1904 Gothic-revival reconstruction which remains in a high state of preservation. It faithfully repeats English country church architecture in detail, even including the traditional yew tree near the southeast corner. In other respects, the Gothic model was altered to conform to modern practice. For example, the main door rather than being in the south, is in the west, through the tower. On the whole, however, the architect successfully captured the style and spirit of his prototype.

The site of St. Luke's was given by Dr. John Gibbons, in whose honor the church was dedicated to Luke, the Physician. Construction of the original structure took place from 1838-1843. Over the years, the parish acquired the entire block on which the church is situated. In 1904, the church was reconstructed to its existing late Gothic-revival style.

The cemetery includes graves of early Seaford pioneers, sea captains, doctors and a former state governor. Therefore, it is historically significant to the city of Seaford. The tombstones of these early graves reflect an often forgotten aspect of American art.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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Latitude 38° 38' 37"

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

St. Luke's Church, cemetery and parish house occupy an entire block bounded by Front Street to the east, Poplar Street to the north, King Street to the south and North Street to the west. The church is centered on the east side of the block to face Front Street. The parish house stands behind the church on the northwest corner of North and King Streets. The cemetery densely surrounds the sides and rear of the church becoming more diffuse towards the remainder of the lot.

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/TITLE

Edward F. Waite, Historic Registrar

ORGANIZATION

Division of Historical & Cultural Affairs

STREET & NUMBER

Hall of Records

CITY OR TOWN

Dover

DATE

May 1977

TELEPHONE

(302) 678-5314

STATE

Delaware

FORM AS SUBMITTED TO O.A.N.P.

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Lauren C. [Signature]

TITLE

Dir. Div. of Hist and Cult. Aff.

DATE 9/12/77

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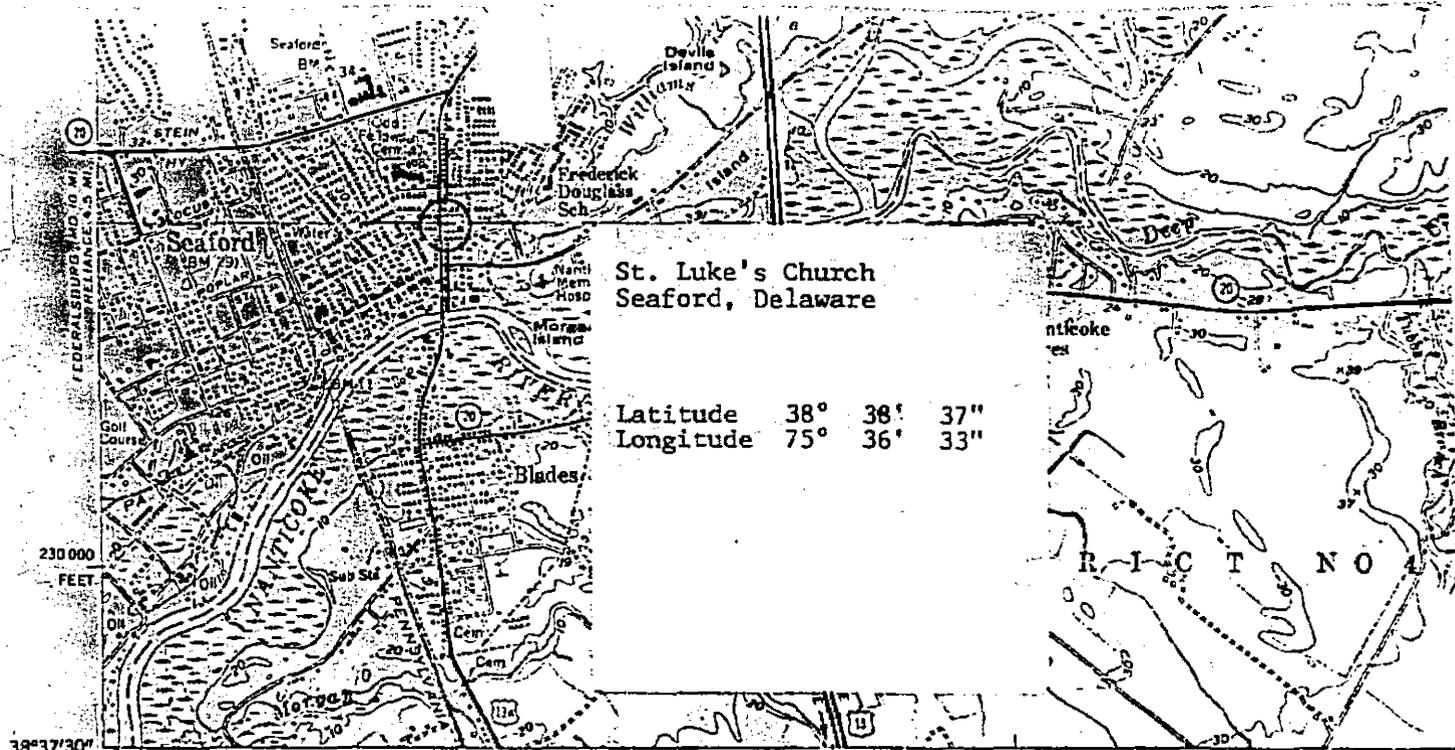
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

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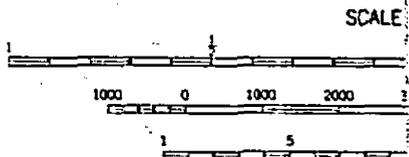


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Seaford, Delaware

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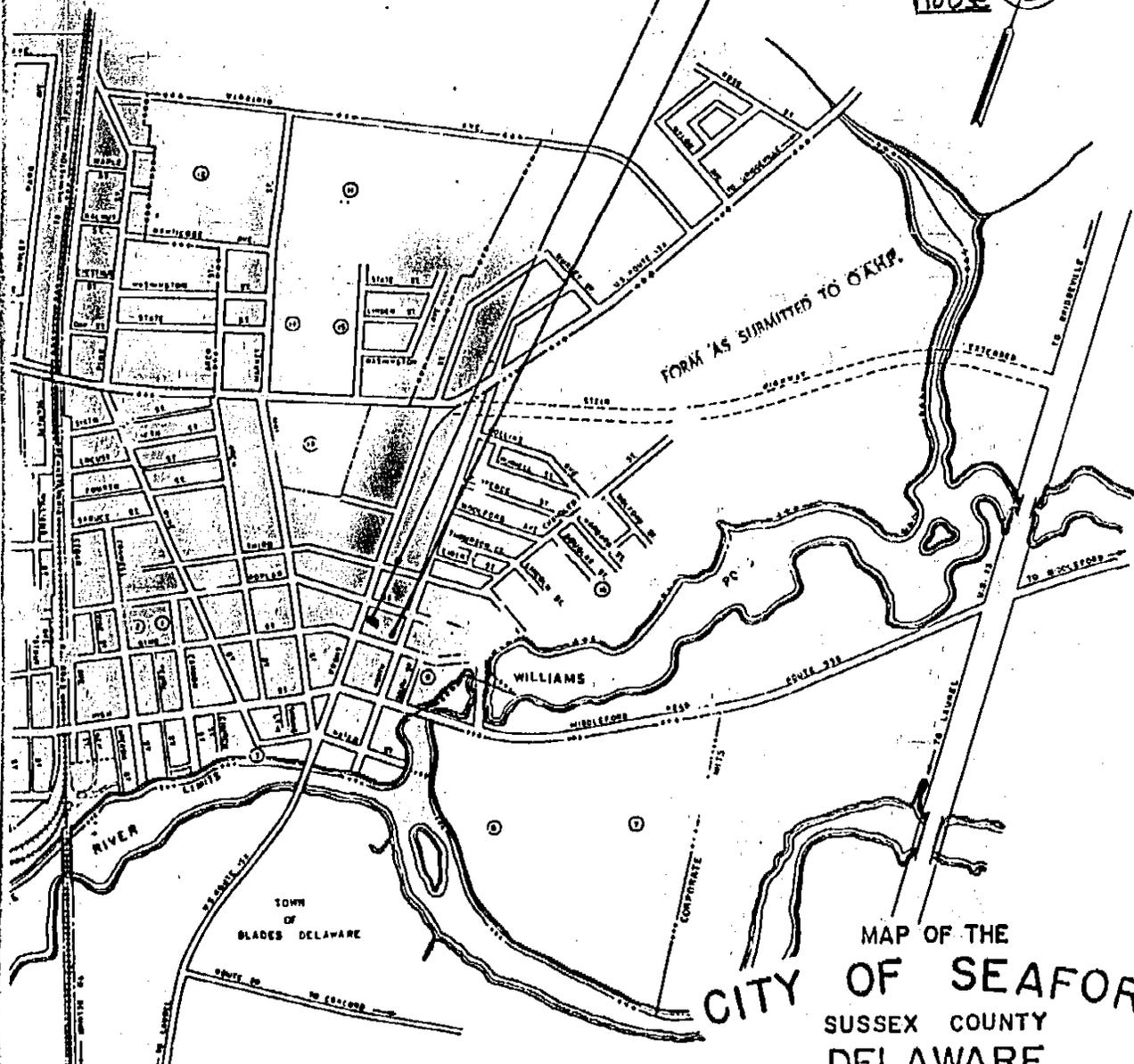
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St. Luke's Church

St. Luke's parish house



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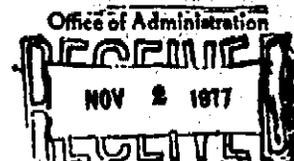
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