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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: Sussex	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
71.3.10.0006	3/24/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Prince George's Chapel

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
near Dagsboro, Dagsboro Hundred

STATE: Delaware CODE: 10 COUNTY: Sussex CODE: 003

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____

Used for annual service to be open to public after restoration

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
State of Delaware - Public Archives Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hall of Records

CITY OR TOWN: Dover STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Sussex County Court House, Recorder of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
The Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

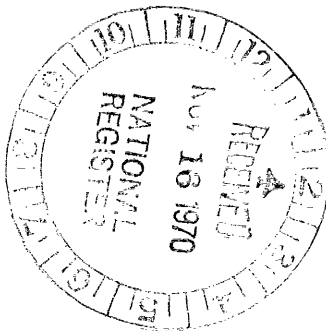
(Check One)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)		(Check One)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered		<input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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Prince George's Chapel, erected in 1757, from the outside gives the appearance of a small modern shingled house. The shingles, however, were added as a protection in 1929. The original section of the church is intact and little altered inside. A transept and chancel were added in or about 1763, creating a cruciform church, but these features have disappeared.

The interior retains its handsome vaulted ceiling of heart-pine, timbered pine pillars, some of the simply but expertly panelled box pews, other good panelling and most of the gallery. It has never been painted, so has attained a deep, rich natural coloring. Pointed windows with colored panes in the chancel and benches replacing many of the pews are nineteenth century alterations. The church is still in its isolated rural setting, standing back from State Route 26 against a wooded background. It has a small graveyard adjoining it.

Recently worked on interior
loose & put in



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3. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1757

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)
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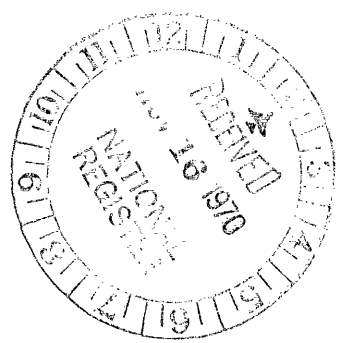
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Prince George's Chapel is one of only eighteen church buildings in Delaware erected before 1800. It is a superb example of eighteenth century church architecture in the English tradition conceived for masonry but here executed in wood in an area where no other medium was readily available.

The congregation originated as a chapel-of-ease of Worcester Parish in Maryland. It is believed to have been the one Rev. George Ross visited in 1717. The present church was authorized by the vestry in June 1755 and accepted from its builder June 30, 1757. It was not until the creation of the formal structure of the Episcopal Church in Delaware in 1791 that Prince George's became formally a part of the religious structure of the State. It is therefore of interest as an illustration of the long boundary dispute's influence on church affairs. It is also a site treasured by both neighbors and distant parishioners. Although services have been held only at irregular intervals since the middle nineteenth century, the building and grounds have been carefully maintained. Through much of the twentieth century only an annual harvest home service has been held.

The most prominent individual associated with the congregation is General John Dagsworthy (1721-1784), a large landowner of the area and an officer in King George's War, the French and Indian War, and the Revolution. A strong supporter of the church in his lifetime, he was at his death interred under its chancel.



9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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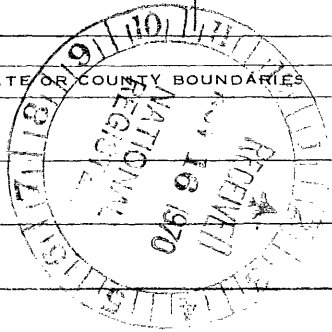
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2.3

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:
 Leon deValinger, Jr. State Archivist

ORGANIZATION: Public Archives Commission DATE: Jan. 27, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Hall of Records, Legislative Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Dover STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

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: Leon deValinger, Jr.
 State Archivist
 State Liaison Officer

Title: _____
 Date: November 13, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

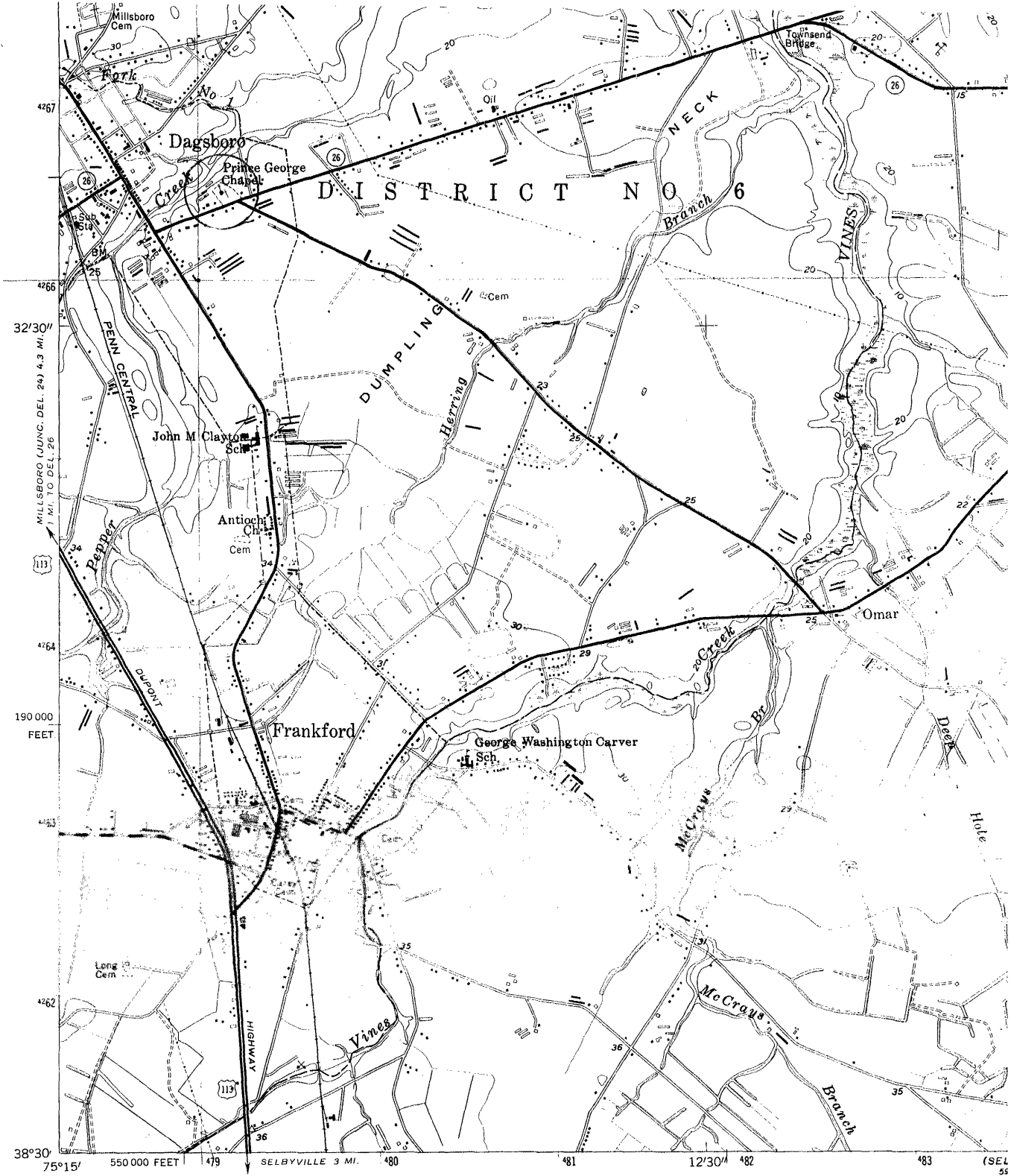
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 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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Date: _____

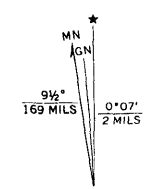
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William J. Montegut
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: FEB 8 1971

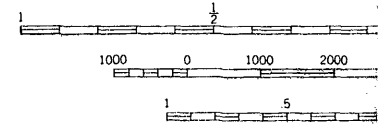


(WHALESVILLE)
5960 N. NE

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 Control by USGS, USC&GS, USCE, and USSCS
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 Dept. of the Army, from aerial photographs taken 1943
 Topography enlarged from 1:62,500 scale map of
 Rehoboth quadrangle, 15-minute series. Original map
 by planetable surveys 1917. Revised 1955
 Hydrography from USC&GS chart 411, dated 1954
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grid based on Delaware coordinate system
 Unchecked elevations are shown in brown
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
 zone 18, shown in blue



UTM GRID AND 1972 MAGNETIC NORTH
 DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



CONTOUR DATUM IS
 SOUNDINGS IN FEET
 SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE
 MEAN RANGE OF TIDE

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
 taken 1972. This information not field checked
 Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

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