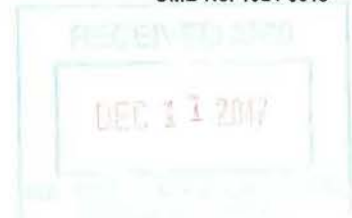


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Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an 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 listed in the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Kingwood  
other names/site number Old Stone Church; Presbyterian Meetinghouse - Kingwood; Lower Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Kingwood Presbyterian Church; Mount Bethel Presbyterian Church; Oak Summit - Baptistown Assembly of God; The First Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hunterdon County

2. Location

street & number The corner of Oak Summit Rd. and County Rt. 519  not for publication  
city or town Kingwood Township  vicinity  
state NJ code 034 county Hunterdon code 019 zip code 08803

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I certify that this  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  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally.  See continuation sheet for additional comments.

Paul Brown Signature of certifying official/Title Asst. Commissioner Date 12/6/17  
NJ DEP State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet for additional comments.

Signature of certifying official/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

4. National Park Service Certification

- entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper Lisa Delina Date of Action 1/25/18

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	1	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

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

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/ Religious Facility

SOCIAL/ Meeting Hall

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/ Religious Facility

SOCIAL/ Meeting Hall

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Early 19<sup>th</sup> Century

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE/ Sandstone

walls STONE/ Sandstone

roof ASPHALT

other

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Name of Property

County and State

**8 Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria considerations**

(mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance**

1837

**Significant Dates**

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**Primary location of additional data**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property 0.7 acres

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2				4			

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Christie Alderman

organization The First Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hunterdon County date 8/21/17

street & number 2 Huntington Dr. telephone 908-894-5224

city or town Annandale state NJ zip code 08801

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name The First Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hunterdon County

street & number P.O. Box 122 telephone 908.996.3964

city or town Baptistown state NJ zip code 08803

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.470 *et seq.*)

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.



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**Section #1, Other Names:**

Lower Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Mount Bethel Presbyterian Church, Oak Summit, Baptistown Assembly of God, and The First Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hunterdon County.

**Section #7, Description Narrative:**

Summary

The Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Kingwood is a small (39 x 36) two story solid-stone building (photo 1, building 1 on the site plan). It is a early 19<sup>th</sup> century church whose builders were likely influenced by classic architectural sources evidenced by a symmetrical form, gable-end façade, and interior columns. There are two buildings on the property-- one contributing and one non-contributing. The church sits close to the road on the south end of the site. A non-contributing building, Dodd Hall (see photo 6, building 2 on the site plan), is located in the north section of the site. The property has a grassed yard with a wooded area on the north end of the site.

Setting

The area is rural and mostly farmland. To the south of the nominated property, (not included in this proposed property) is the church's cemetery, which is located, across Oak Summit Road and is now a separate lot under different ownership (see photo 5). To the east of the nominated property, is the 1869 Oak Summit Schoolhouse, owned by the Oak Summit Historical Society (see photo 5). North of the nominated property is farmland, which was purchase by The First Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hunterdon County in 2006 and merged with the original church lot (the current proposed site) into Lot 19, Block 2. Residential development is present to the west of the nominated property, across Rt. 519.

Exterior of Contributing Building

The contributing building, the Old Stone Presbyterian Church, is constructed of New Jersey sandstone, pointed with mortar, which has been parged with coarse stucco.<sup>1</sup> The building rests on a fieldstone foundation and has five windows that are 24-over-20, double hung with gothic arched transoms (two on both the east and west sides and one on the north side), and two recessed-panel exterior doors on the south facade (see photo 3). Above the two doors are two smaller eight-over-twelve, double-hung windows with Gothic arch transoms, and between and above these is a smaller, fixed gothic arched attic window. All windows are made of wood sashes and muntins and have stone window sills. The door lintels and thresholds are stone. Under the attic window is a stone plaque that reads "1837" that is inset in the sandstone (see photo 1).

The open gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles. The roof soffit on the east and west sides of the building (see photo 3) is a cavetto-formed cornice over a wooden base which is covered in plaster. On the north side (rear) is a small chimney that is covered in stucco and extends above the roof (see photo 4). There are foundation plantings around the east, south and west sides of the building.

Interior of Contributing Building

Inside of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church, there is a single, two-story room with a raised platform on the south end located between the two doors (photos 12 & 13). The floors of the building are wide wood plank, the walls are covered in plaster (directly over masonry), and the open-style pews are made of wood and have rectangular, paneled pew ends (photo 14).

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A second story balcony extends across the east, north, and west sides of the building (photo 7). The balcony has a solid, paneled railing and is supported by graduated columns. Additional graduated columns extend from the top of the balcony railing to the ceiling, providing continuous support from floor to ceiling (photo 11). The pews on the balcony level are simpler in construction, with each row of pews being slightly elevated above the row in front.

The balcony is accessed by matched quarter turn winder staircases on both the southeast and southwest sides of the building (photo 9). Around each of the staircases is decorative wood paneling and under each staircase is a small closet (photo 12).

Non-contributing Building

The non-contributing building, Dodd Hall, was built by the Unitarian Universalists in 1992. It is constructed of a concrete slab foundation, stucco over wood frame, and an asphalt shingle roof. It has a single bathroom, a small kitchen, a small office, a nursery room, and a vaulted, larger multi-purpose room. The interior has sheetrock walls, baseboard molding, and utility carpet and linoleum floors. The multi-purpose room is often used for "coffee hour" after church services, religious education classes, and as a meeting space both for the congregation and community groups.

Current Condition/ Historic Integrity of Contributing Building

The church is largely in its original state. Changes that have been made to the building since 1837, include: replacement of roof (last in 2012), re-applying exterior stucco (last in 1951<sup>2</sup>), removal of exterior shutters sometime after 1937 (see photo 17), and likely removal of some woodwork around the pulpit/altar (the date of this change is unknown, but faint traces of architectural detail remain).

The walls, floors, doors, stairs, woodwork, pews and most of the windows are original. After being abandoned for a period of time, the building underwent significant repairs in 1951.<sup>3</sup> After again being abandoned in the 1970's, the building underwent a renovation in 1986. Architect Paul Felder and builder Bob Holt led the 1986 repairs, including making new frames for the broken or missing gothic windows. An architectural historian, Sally Milner, helped ascertain original paint colors, which were duplicated. Heat and electricity were added around that same time, but there is no plumbing in the building.<sup>4</sup> Since that time, the church has been maintained and the current congregation is in the early stages of creating a preservation plan to evaluate needed masonry repair and window repair and re-glazing.

Endnotes:

<sup>1</sup> "Site Visit Report." Frey, Christopher, to The First Unitarian Universalists of Hunterdon Co. December 12, 2014. Kingwood Twp, New Jersey.

Masonry Assessment.

<sup>2</sup> "Missions at Home." *The Pentecostal Evangel*, June 28, 1953, 10.

<sup>3</sup> "News." *The Pentecostal Evangel*, April 29, 1951, 15.

<sup>4</sup> Dodd, Vera. "Our History." Accessed July 29, 2017. <http://hunterdonuu.org/about-us-2/history/>.

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**Narrative Statement of Significance**

Summary

The Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Kingwood is a fine example of an early nineteenth-century rural church building. The current church was predated by a smaller stone building, called the Old Stone Meetinghouse, constructed in 1755, and which was located just across the road from the site of the present church. The Presbyterian congregation took down the original meetinghouse and used the same stones to construct the Old Stone Church in 1837, which is the date of significance. The church has been used by Presbyterian (c.1837-1928), Assembly of God (c.1951- 1969), and Unitarian Universalist (1986- present) congregations.

Well preserved and maintained, the Old Stone Presbyterian Church retains the physical features and aesthetic of its early years. The church meets the National Register Criterion C with local significance in Architecture.

Land Ownership

Once inhabited by the Unami Lenape Tribe, the ownership of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church land can be traced back through colonial times. In the early 1700's, the land was owned either by William Penn or Daniel Cox, whose property lines converged in this area.<sup>1</sup> Period maps show Daniel Cox's name listed in the general area, suggesting both the lot for the current church and the lot for the cemetery and predating meetinghouse were owned by him.<sup>2</sup> What can be confirmed is that this land was eventually purchased by Robert Murfin (Myrfin), who later sold it to Lawrence Hoff (Haff or Hof) in 1745. Lawrence Hoff deeded 1.25 acres of land, located south of present-day Oak Summit Road, to the Presbyterian congregation in 1754 on which the 1755-1837 meetinghouse and its surrounding cemetery lot were eventually built.<sup>3</sup> Cornelius Hoff, Lawrence's son, deeded an additional 0.7 acre of land to the Presbyterian congregation in 1836 for what would become the site of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church (the focus of this nomination), just north of Oak Summit Road.<sup>4</sup>

Presbyterian Congregation Development

Presbyterians started arriving in what is now known as Hunterdon County in significant numbers in the early 1700's, driven by growing religious intolerance throughout large portions of Europe.

The Kingwood congregation<sup>5</sup> was organized by 1728.<sup>6</sup> Congregational growth was spurred on by the Great Awakening, a time of revivals and evangelism, which was particularly active in New Jersey. Gilbert Tennent and George Whitefield, major figures in the Great Awakening, preached in Kingwood in 1739<sup>7</sup> and there was at least one session where Baptist ministers debated Presbyterian ministers in Kingwood.<sup>8</sup> Geographically close to Bucks County, Pennsylvania and Raritan Valley, areas from which the Great Awakening begin to emerge in the 1720's, the people of the area would have been exposed to many of the emerging concepts of that movement. Additionally, the congregation was served by a rotation of traveling ministers and preachers, referred to as "supplies", who would have brought evangelical zeal to the area.

The congregation numbered around 40 people in the late 1740's and by 1742 had a dedicated minister, Rev. Thomas Lewis, who also served the Bethlehem congregation (located between Pittstown and Clinton, NJ).<sup>9</sup>

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*Construction of the Old Stone Meetinghouse (1755-1837)*

In 1752, the congregation applied to the Presbytery for permission to build a meetinghouse<sup>10</sup> and Lawrence Hoff deeded one and a quarter acre<sup>11</sup> of land (previously described) to the trustees at the congregation of Kingwood.

By 1755, the Presbyterians had constructed what was commonly called "The Old Stone Meetinghouse" in Kingwood.<sup>10</sup> Maps of the time show the original meetinghouse as having been located just south of Oak Summit Road.<sup>12,13</sup> A cemetery grew up around the meetinghouse over time. In the northwest corner of the churchyard, which was surrounded by a stone wall,<sup>14</sup> was a small log dwelling occupied by the sexton who served ginger cakes and beer between morning and afternoon church services.<sup>15</sup>

The congregation thrived for many years. By February 8, 1787, the trustees of the church were incorporated as "trustees of the Presbyterian Church called Mount Bethel, in the township of Kingwood."<sup>10</sup> The Reverend John Hanna was installed as the minister in 1760 (serving the Bethlehem, Greenwich, and eventually the Mount Pleasant churches simultaneously as well), and he served until his death in 1801.<sup>10</sup> Hanna was followed by the Reverend Holloway Whitfield Hunt who served until 1825 (and simultaneously served the Mount Pleasant congregation as well), when his pastoral relationship was dissolved.<sup>10</sup> Records showed that supply ministers and preachers rotated to the Kingwood congregation until at least 1828.<sup>16</sup>

Demographically, most ministers and congregation members in these early years were originally English, Dutch, Irish, Scottish or born in the colonies. Additionally, church records include references to people "of color" and at least Rev. Hunt owned slaves, although it is unknown if they attended the Kingwood church.<sup>17</sup>

The combination of the loss of a dedicated minister and the lingering effects of the Revolutionary War took a toll on the congregation. Soldiers marched through neighboring villages and down the King's Highway (what is now Rt. 519), while traveling between present-day Pittstown and a ferry crossing at Frenchtown, New Jersey. With numerous battles and skirmishes in the region, the local residents would have been embroiled in the war in a number of ways, which impacted the way they interacted as religious communities. Looking across denominations, church/meetinghouse construction throughout the state appears to have largely halted between 1782 and 1810<sup>7</sup>, and the neighboring Episcopal church is known to have closed during the war and until 1795 with irregular services until 1822.<sup>18</sup>

*Construction of the Old Stone Church (1837)*

In 1836, Rev. John McNair visited the Kingwood Presbyterians and drew large crowds, and he appears to have inspired the Kingwood congregation to build a new church. One of his sermons was on "the restoration of the waste places in Zion" and ended with the climax, "will you build again these walls?"<sup>11</sup> The existing stone building was declared "unfit" by the congregation.<sup>19</sup> Throughout 1836 and 1837, the congregation held several rounds of fundraising to prepare for a new building.<sup>20</sup> Rev. McNair was briefly installed as the minister in 1837, but soon resigned.<sup>21</sup>

The original stone meetinghouse was torn down in 1837 and a new stone church was rebuilt that same year.<sup>10</sup> While the original meetinghouse and accompanying cemetery were located just south of Oak Summit Road, the new church was located just north of Oak Summit Road on property that was donated by Cornelius Hoff (as previously described). While it could not be confirmed through research, it is deduced the new church was built from the stone from the meetinghouse and the surrounding cemetery walls, as no other significant stone structure or stone rubble exists on either site today.

Little is known about the construction, except that a congregational elder (and Cornelius Hoff's son-in-law<sup>10</sup>), Jacob Race, "whom lived nearest, supervised and took a very active interest in the work."<sup>11</sup> The design of the building reflected the values of the congregation: a central pulpit that placed the sermon "center-stage"; open

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bench pews that suggested a level of fraternity among congregants and attention to the minister (as opposed to box pews); and a humble building that yet had ornamentation and an aspirational scale, suggesting a shift from early Calvinist austerity.

Soon after the completion of the church, the Rev. Joseph Campbell was installed as minister (also serving the Milford congregation). The Rev. Cambell's inscription can be found inside a closet in the current building. It reads: "In the year AD 1838 sept. 16<sup>th</sup> the Rev. D D Campbell Preached his first sermon in this Church from the 12<sup>th</sup> verse of the 139<sup>th</sup> psalm." Rev. Campbell served Kingwood until his death in 1840.

The Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Kingwood was served by numerous settled ministers, typically shared with other congregations, until the pulpit was noted as vacant in 1877. Numerous supply ministers served the congregation through the remaining 1870's and 1880's.<sup>10</sup> The last burial in the cemetery was in 1914.

In 1928, the the Old Stone Presbyterian Church lot and the cemetery lot were both sold to the Kingwood Presbyterian Cemetery Association.<sup>22</sup> The association was formed specifically to care for the property, particularly the cemetery, which was in decline.<sup>24</sup>

*Occupancy and Renovation by the Assembly of God*

By 1951, the Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Kingwood was occupied (presumably rented) by the Baptistown Assembly of God. They noted, "At present we are repairing and redecorating an abandoned stone church which is adjascent to the school house we are now using. By May we expect to occupy this church."<sup>23</sup> Photos of the building from this time, when compared to photos taken in 1929<sup>24</sup> and 1937,<sup>25</sup> show the the Old Stone Presbyterian Church was restuccoed and had the louvered shutters removed, at a minimum.

In 1969, the last refence to an Assembly of God occupation of the building is made.<sup>26</sup>

*Purchase and Renovation by the Unitarian Universalists*

On May 17, 1986, the Kingwood Presbyterian Church Association sold the Old Stone Presbyterian Church to The Unitarian Universalists of Hunterdon County. The deed required that the windows be restored, the trim be repaired and repainted, and the roof be made structurally sound and leak-proof. It also required that there be no significant alteration to the historic character, and that the gallery, pews and columns be kept intact. Only architecturally appropriate additions would be allowed and a provision for installing a plaque dedicated to Maude Little Wilson was included. The deed states that the intent of the sale is to preserve the building and have it function as a church.<sup>27</sup> The Unitarian Universalists restored the Old Stone Presbyterian Church, in accordance to the terms of the deed.

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Building

The Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Kingwood is architecturally significant because it retains its authenticity with original building materials, original configuration, and original aesthetic. It is a rare example of a vernacular church of this period and of solid masonry buildings from the early 1800's.

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- <sup>21</sup> After resigning from the Kingwood Presbyterian congregation, Rev. McNair was installed at the Musconetcong Valley Presbyterian Church, which also completed construction in 1837. There are architectural similarities between the Musconetcong Church and the Old Stone Church, including similar stucco-over-stone construction, multi-sash gothic arched windows, and the volume, scale and aesthetics of the building.
- <sup>22</sup> Hunterdon Hall of Records. *Kingwood Presbyterian to Kingwood Presbyterian Cemetery Association*. Book 372. 412.
- <sup>23</sup> "News." *The Pentecostal Evangel*, April 29, 1951, 15.
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- <sup>25</sup> Hunterdon Co. Historical Society, Records of Kingwood Presbyterian Church Cemetery Association, Collection No. 149, Container 1, Folder 021, Px7114, 1937.
- <sup>26</sup> *Official List of Ministers and Missionaries*. May 22 ed. General Council of Assemblies of God, 1968.
- <sup>27</sup> Hall of Records, Flemington, NJ, Book 971 of Deeds at pg. 323.



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**Verbal Boundary Description:**

Beginning at an iron which is located South 86 degrees 53 minutes west, a distance of 97 feet from an old corner stone which is the northeast corner of the Oak Summit School lot, and running:

1. South 86 degrees 53 minutes west, a distance of one hundred twenty-six and eight one-hundredths feet (126.08') to a stake on the west side of the road leading from Baptistown to Everittstown (Rt. 519);
2. Thence along said west side, south 3 degrees 30 minutes east, a distance of two hundred thirty-four and twenty-seven one-hundredths feet (234.27') to an iron at the intersection of this road and the road past the School lot leading to Pittstown (Oak Summit Road);
3. Thence along said Pittstown road, south 88 degrees 57 minutes east, a distance of one hundred twenty-eight and six one-hundredths feet (128.06') to an iron corner at the school lot;
4. Thence along same, north 3 degrees 55 minutes west, a distance of two hundred forty-three and seventy-four one hundredths feet (243.74') to the place of beginning and containing seven-tenths of an acre (0.7 acre) more or less.

**Boundary Justification:**

The Verbal Boundary Description is from the 1971 deed when the Old Stone Church property was sold for \$1 from the Trustees of the Presbytery of New Brunswick to the Kingwood Presbyterian Cemetery Association.<sup>1</sup> This same description appears in a 1992 mortgage held by the Unitarian Universalists.<sup>2</sup> The lot described was originally donated by Cornelius Hoff to the Presbyterian congregation for the purposes of constructing the church in 1837.<sup>3</sup>

In 2006, the First Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hunterdon County, which now owns the Old Stone Church, purchased an additional 10.45 acres from Helen Gergar, which sits north and east of the original property and Oak Summit School lot. The Old Stone Church property and the new acreage were merged into Lot 19, Block 2. However, only the acreage historically associated with the Old Stone Church is being included in this nomination.

**Endnote:**

<sup>1</sup> Hunterdon Hall of Records. *The Trustees of the Presbytery of New Brunswick*. Book 751. 410.

<sup>2</sup> Hunterdon Hall of Records. *Mortgage*. Book 1023. 49.

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*The following information applies to all photos:*

*Name of Property: The Old Stone Church*

*City or Vicinity: Kingwood Township*

*County: Hunterdon Co.*

*State: NJ*

*The following additional information applies to photos #1 through #16:*

*Name of Photographer: Christie Alderman*

*Date of Photographs: July 2017*

**Photo #1:** Southwest corner of the Old Stone Church (the corner of Rt. 519 and Oak Summit Rd.)

**Photo #2:** Exterior. Northwest corner of the Old Stone Church (or the right of the image) with partial view of non-contributing structure (on the left).

**Photo #3:** Exterior. Southeast corner of the Old Stone Church with non-contributing structure in the background.

**Photo #4:** Exterior. Northeast corner of the Old Stone Church.

**Photo #5:** Exterior. Looking northward from the cemetery, across Oak Summit Rd., and toward the Old Stone Church. The Oak Summit School, which is not included in this nomination, is on the right of the image. The cemetery is also not included in this nomination since it is now a legally separate lot owned by a different entity.

**Photo #6:** Exterior. Looking along the side of the Old Stone Church (on the left in the image), northward to Dodd Hall, the non-contributing structure.

**Photo #7:** Interior. Looking northward inside of the Old Stone Church. Taken from the ground level. General view of the sanctuary.

**Photo #8:** Interior. Looking northeast inside of the Old Stone Church. Taken from the ground level.

**Photo #9:** Interior. Staircase, with closet underneath, in the southeast corner of the Old Stone Church. Shows detail of paneling.

**Photo #10:** Interior. Looking northward inside of the Old Stone Church. Taken from the balcony level. Shows details of historic pews.

**Photo #11:** Interior. Looking northeast inside of the Old Stone Church. Taken from the balcony level. Shows columns details.

**Photo #12:** Interior. Looking South inside of the Old Stone Church. Taken from the balcony level. Shows pulpit area.

**Photo #13:** Interior. Looking southwest inside of the Old Stone Church. Taken from the ground level.

**Photo #14:** Interior. Detail of pews.

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**Photo #15:** Interior. Detail of gothic transom. Looking eastward out window.

**Photo #16:** Interior. Detail of hand-written inscription from 1838 on the interior wall of the southeast closet (see Section 8, page 3 for inscription details).

**Photo #17:**

Name of Photographer: Christie Alderman

Date of Photographs: July 2017

Subject: Photograph of a print labeled "Kingwood Presbyterian Church- 'Old Stone'." <sup>1</sup> The print was used in a context that suggests it is a drawing of the original structure (predating the current Old Stone Church structure), which was in the vicinity 1755-1837. The artist is not identified, nor is it identified when the sketch was made, but it predates its first known publication in 1895. It appears in numerous publications.

**Photo #18:**

Name of Photographer: Unknown

Date of Photographs: September 1, 1929<sup>2</sup>

Subject: Exterior- the South (front) and a portion of the east side of the Old Stone Church, with two men standing near the front doors. *This image was made available with the help of the Hunterdon Historic Society (Flemington, NJ). Copyright permission was granted only to use this photograph for the purposes of the National and State Historic Register Nomination.*

**Photo #19:**

Name of Photographer: Unknown

Date of Photographs: 1937<sup>3</sup>

Subject: Historic photo of the south (front) and west sides of the Old Stone Church. *This image was made available with the help of the Hunterdon Historic Society (Flemington, NJ). Copyright permission was granted only to use this photograph for the purposes of the National and State Historic Register Nomination.*

**Endnotes:**

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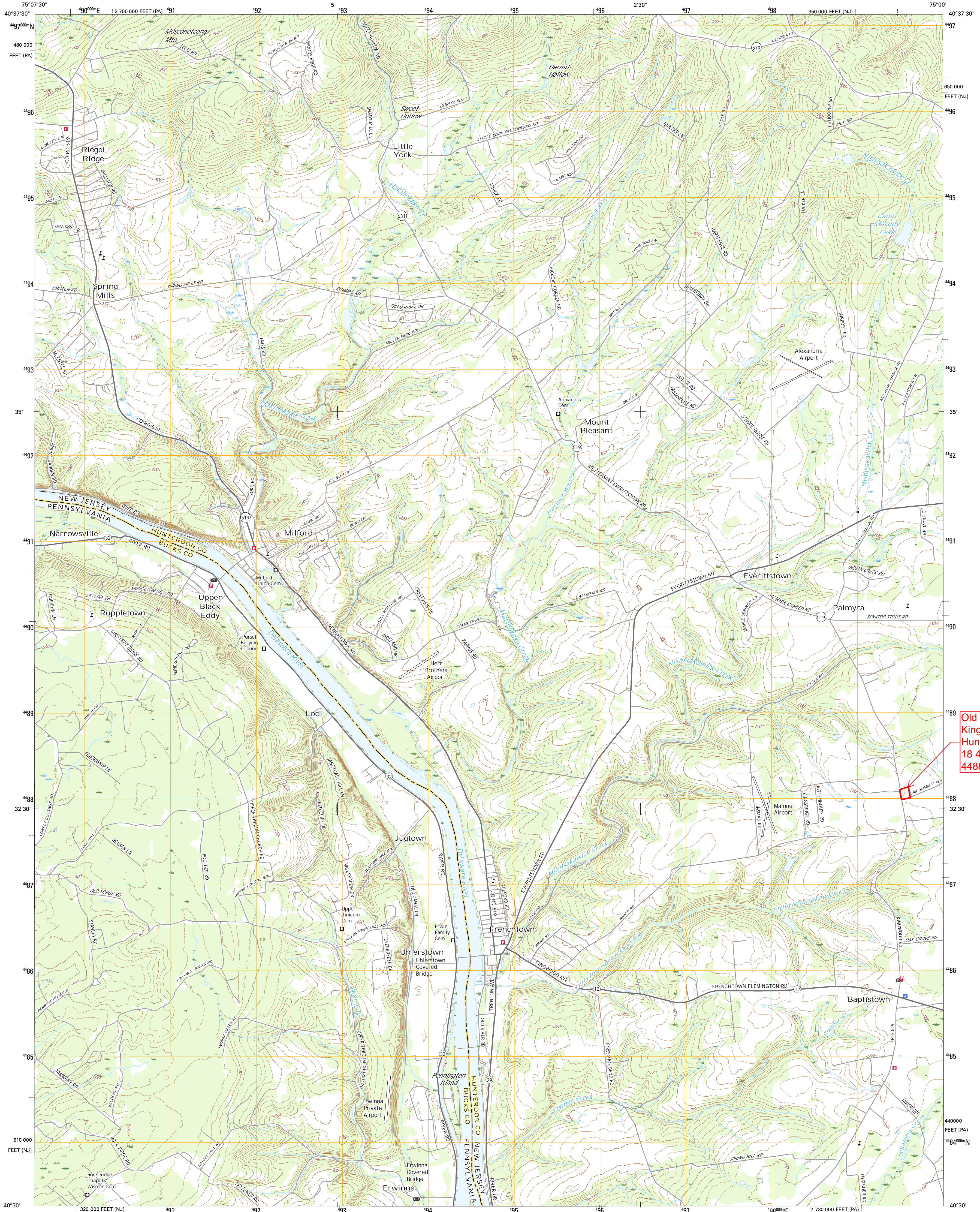
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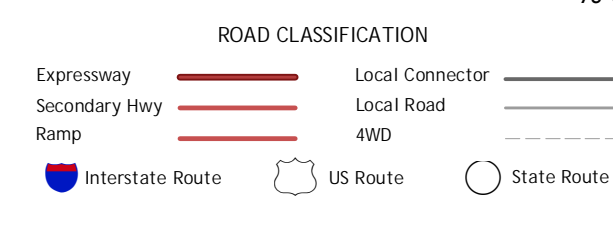
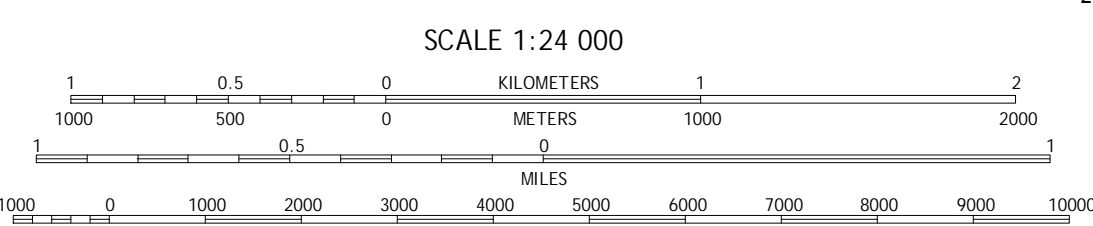
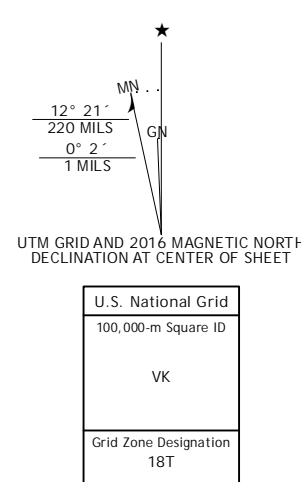


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Names: G.N.S., 2016  
Hydrography: National Hydrography Dataset, 2015  
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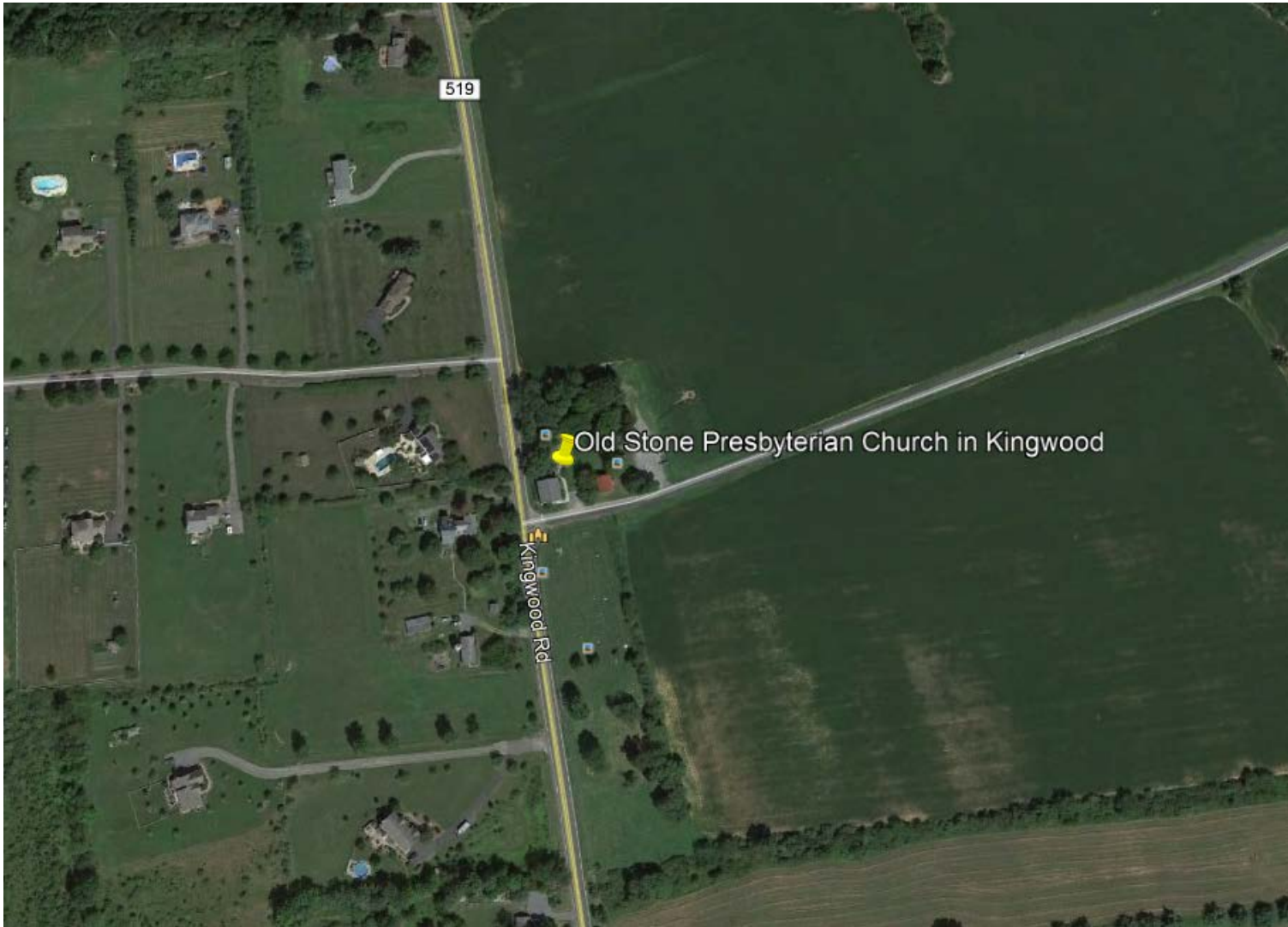
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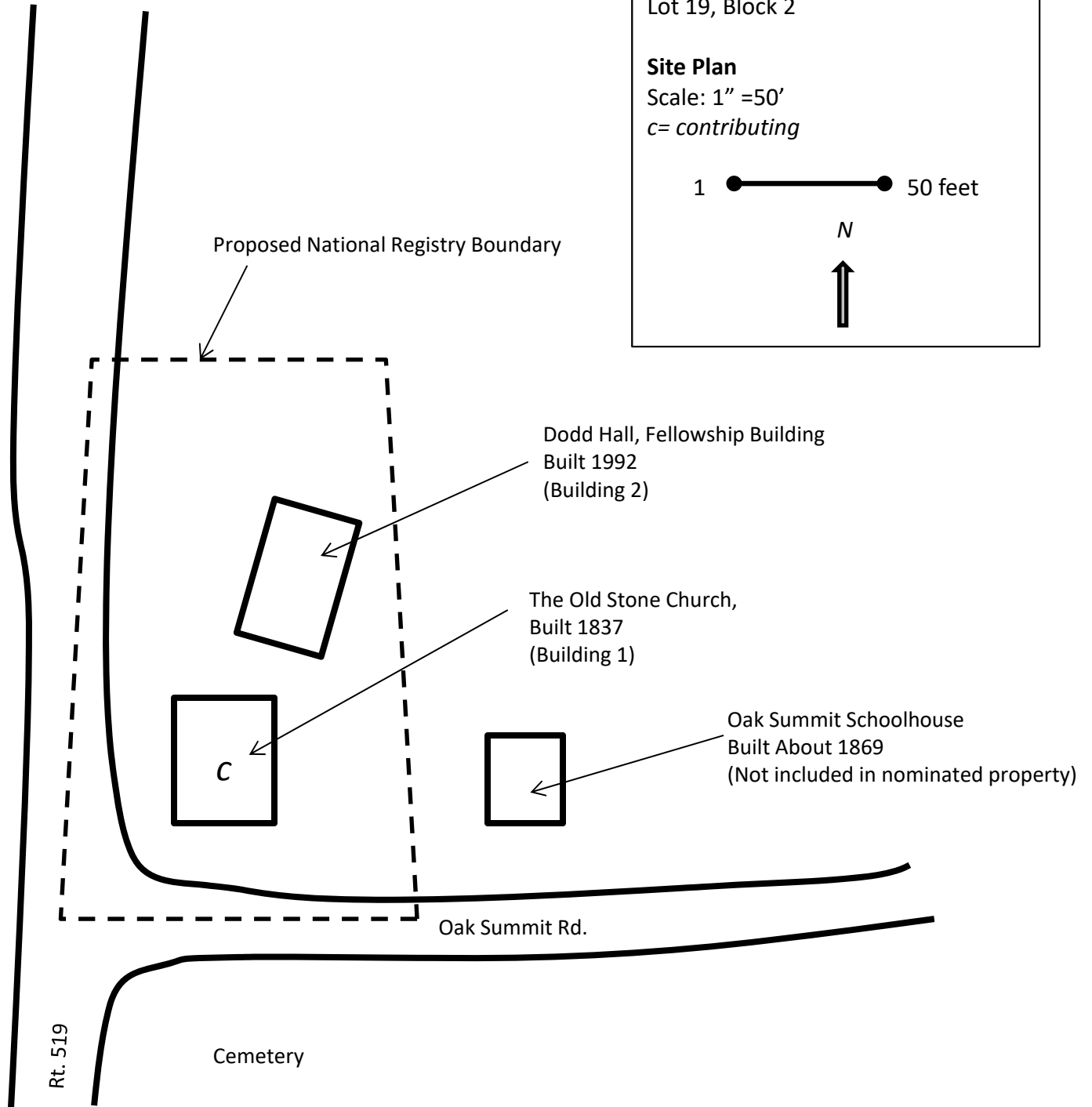
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Oak Summit Road and Rt. 579 (Kingwood Road), Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, NJ

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Corner of Oak Summit Rd. & Rt. 519  
Lot 19, Block 2

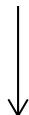
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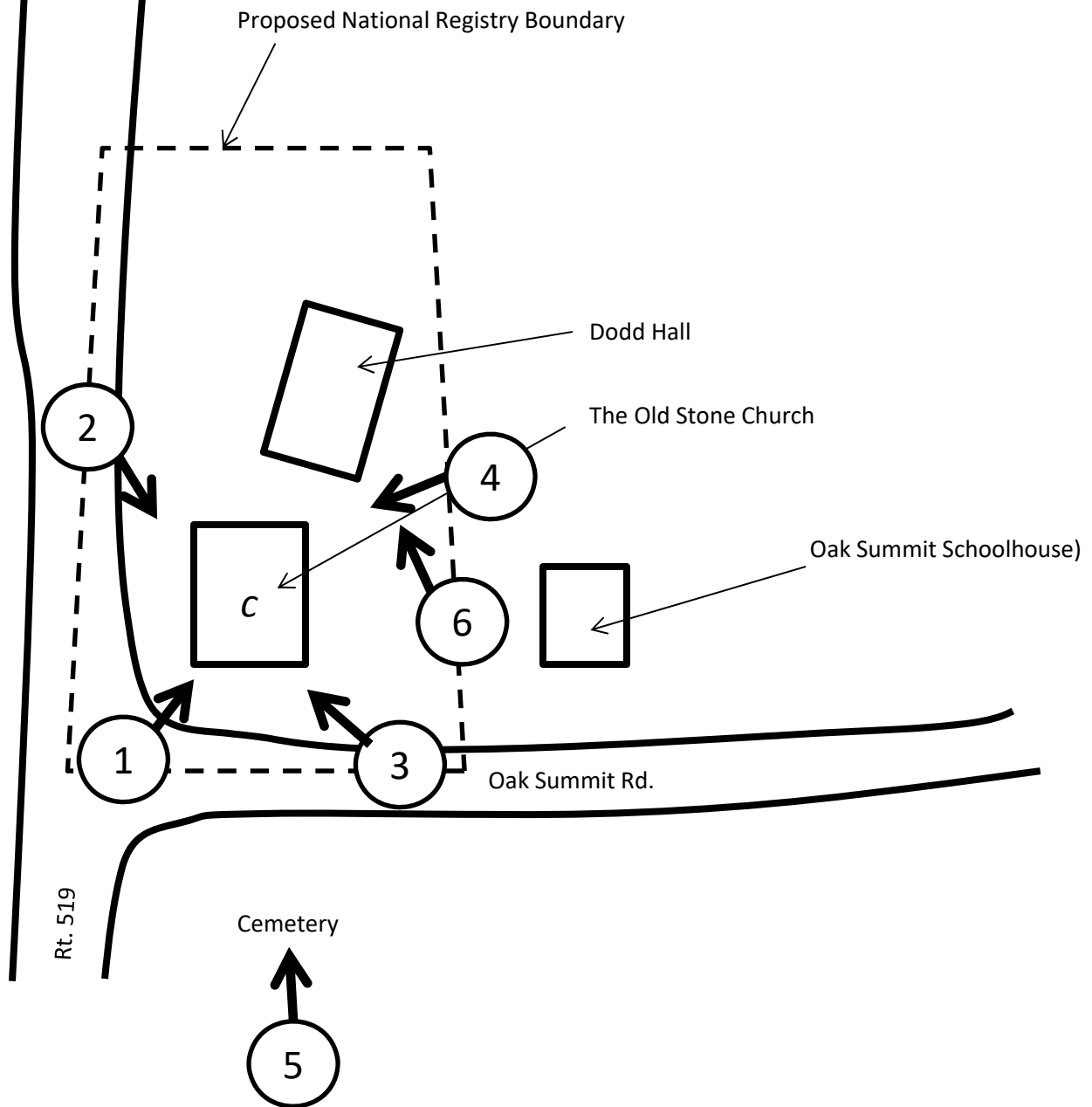
About 200 feet further South, at the corner of Rt. 519 and Kingsridge Rd, is the site of where the Presbyterian Church once stood. It was built in 1755 and torn down in 1837 to build The Old Stone Church.



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August 4, 2017*

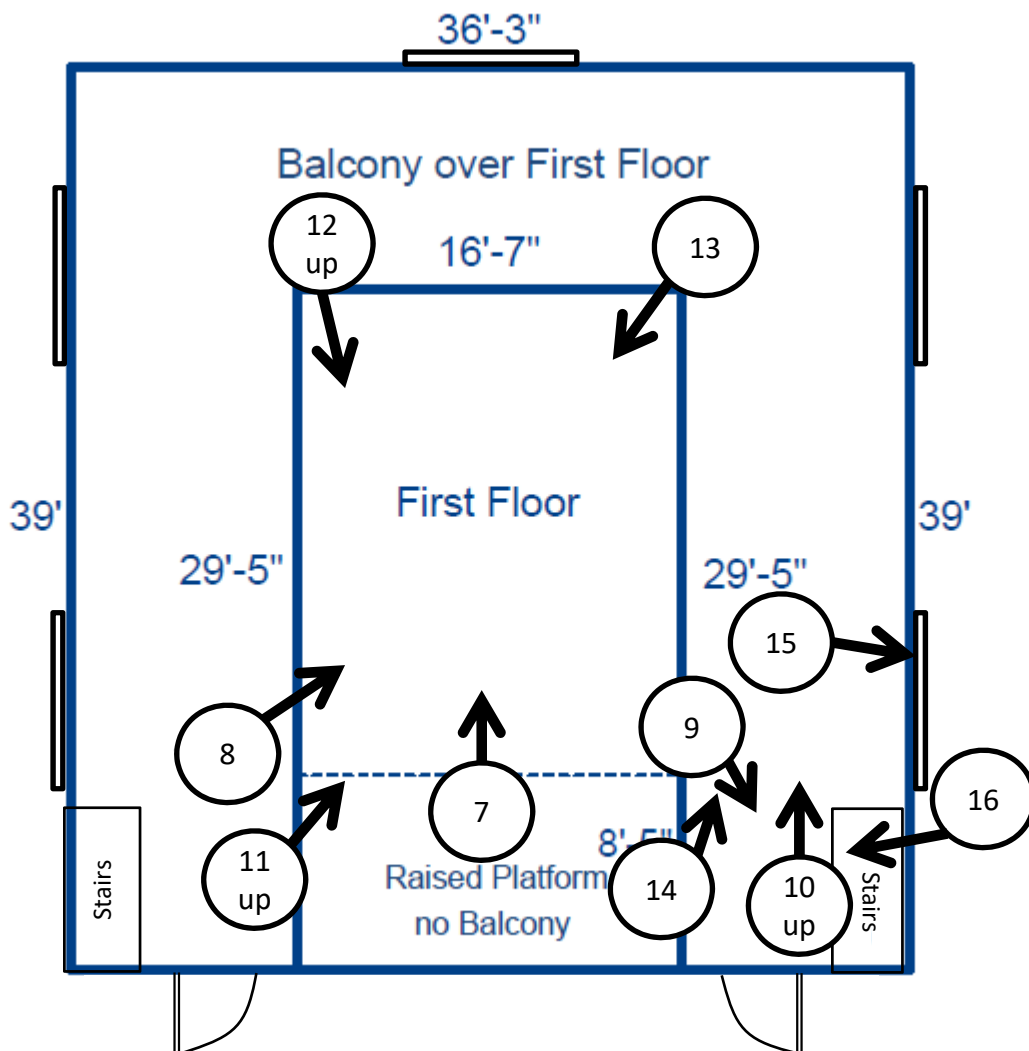
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Corner of Oak Summit Rd. & Rt. 519  
Lot 19, Block 2

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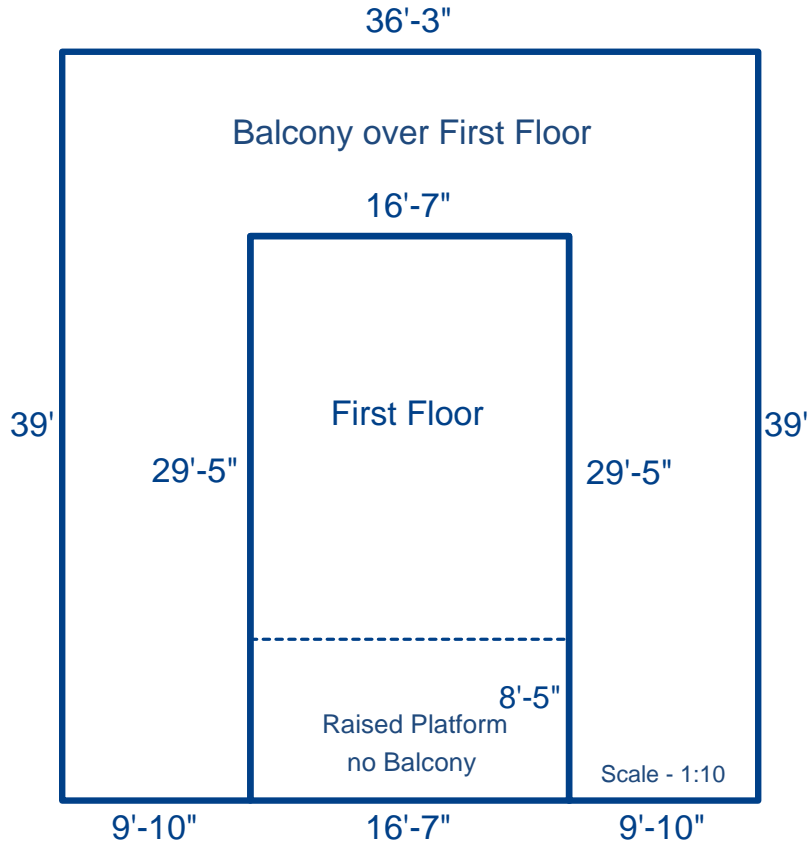
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# SKETCH/AREA TABLE ADDENDUM

**Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Kingwood**  
 Hunterdon County, NJ  
 Lot 19, Block 2  
 Corner of Oak Summit Road and Rt. 519  
**Scale Sketch of Old Stone Church**

## SKETCH



Sketch by Apex Sketch

### AREA CALCULATIONS SUMMARY

### COMMENT TABLE 1

Code	Description	Factor	Net Size	Perimeter	Net Totals
GLA1	First Floor	1.0	488.0	92.0	
	First Floor	1.0	925.7	209.3	1413.8
P/P	Balcony	1.0	925.7	209.3	
	Patio	1.0	139.4	50.0	1065.2

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### COMMENT TABLE 2

### COMMENT TABLE 3

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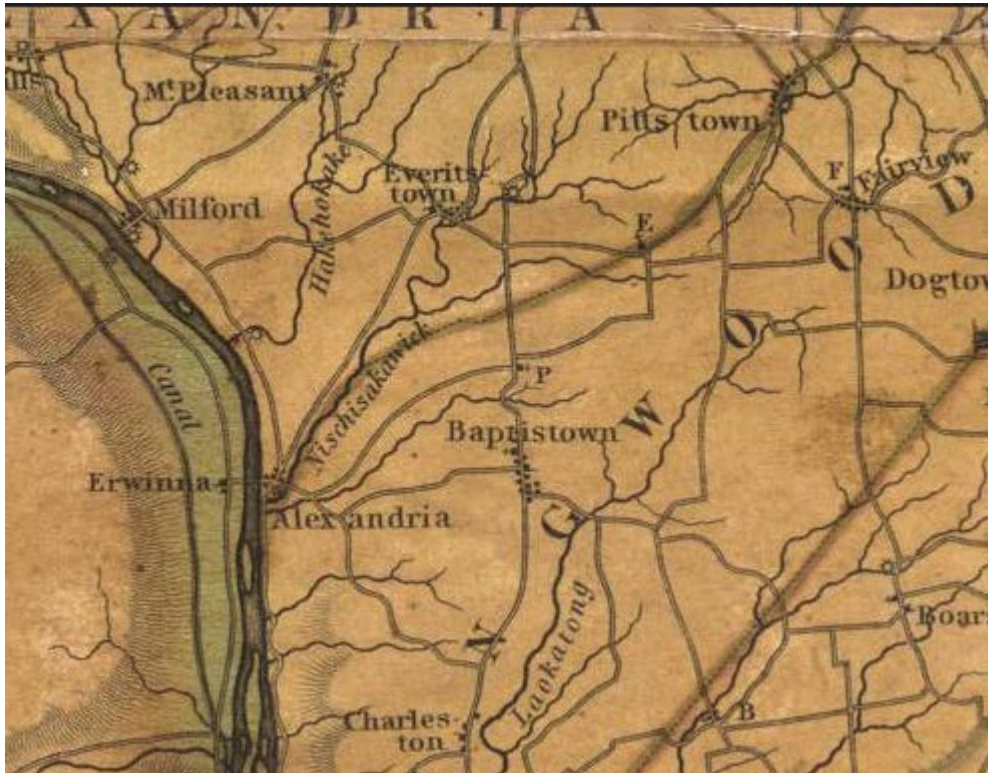
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Historic Maps



The above image is taken from "A Map of New Jersey", which was published in Philadelphia in 1828 and created by Thomas Francis Gordon. The "P" indication just north of Baptistown indicates a Presbyterian church, according to the map legend. The map shows the location of the original 1755-1837 meetinghouse, which preceded the Old Stone Presbyterian Church that was built in 1837.



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The image above was taken from a "Map of Hunterdon County, Original Surveys" by Samuel C. Cornell, which was published by Van Derveer & Cornell in 1851. The map indication of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church is labeled as "P. Church".



KINGWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — "OLD STONE"











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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Nomination   
Property Name: Old Stone Presbyterian Church  
Multiple Name:   
State & County: NEW JERSEY, Hunterdon

Date Received: 12/11/2017 Date of Pending List:  Date of 16th Day:  Date of 45th Day: 1/25/2018 Date of Weekly List:

Reference number: SG100002053  
Nominator: State  
Reason For Review:

X Accept     Return     Reject    1/25/2018 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments: NR Criterion C. Architecture, local level, POS 1837.

Recommendation/ Criteria

Reviewer Lisa Deline Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2239 Date 1/25/18


DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.

**Owner Assurance for the National and NJ Register Nomination**

I certify that the First Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hunterdon County congregation approves of the nomination of the Old Stone Church (located at the corner of Rt. 519 and Oak Summit Rd.) to the NJ or National Register of Historic Places.

On May 21, 2017, the congregation voted unanimously to support Christie Alderman's work to nominate the building. We are very proud of the Old Stone Church and hope that it can be recognized in this way.



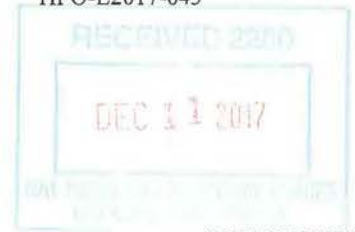
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December 7, 2017

Paul Loether, Chief  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Loether:

The enclosed disk contains the true and correct copy of the nomination for the Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Kingwood, Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, for National Register consideration.

This nomination has received unanimous approval from the New Jersey State Review Board for Historic Sites. All procedures were followed in accordance with regulations published in the Federal Register.

Should you want any further information concerning this application, please feel free to contact Katherine J. Marcopul, Administrator, New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, Mail code 501-04B, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420, or call her at (609) 984-5816.

Sincerely,

Rich Boornazian  
Deputy State Historic  
Preservation Officer