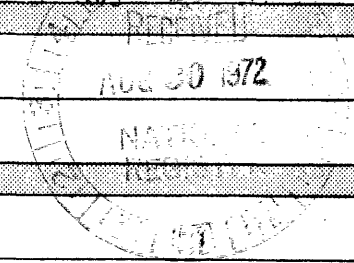


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: New Castle	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Welsh Tract Baptist Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Welsh Tract Baptist Church (Old School Baptist)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Welsh Tract Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Newark

STATE Delaware	CODE 10	COUNTY: New Castle	CODE 003
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Welsh Tract Baptist Church

STREET AND NUMBER:
Welsh Tract Road

CITY OR TOWN: Newark	STATE: Delaware	CODE 10
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Dover	STATE: Delaware	CODE 10
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: D.C.	CODE
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7. DESCRIPTION

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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Welsh Tract(Old School)Baptist Church is a simple rectangular brick building with a wood-shingled jerkinhead roof. An iron date "stone" in the north facade, inscribed 1746, probably was cast at Abingdon Furnace or one of the other ironworks operated by the Welsh settlers.

The brickwork is laid in Flemish bond, with segmental arches over the rectangular windows. The north(front)wall has been covered with smooth stucco. A bevelled-brick watertable almost at grade surrounds the building; below the watertable are two courses of brick that rest on the stone footings. A belt course survives on the rear wall, to which has been added a frame shed.

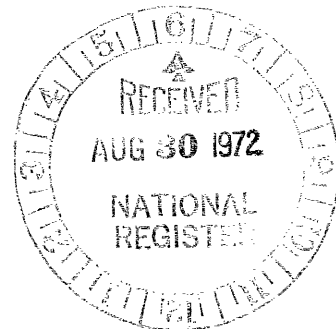
A wide box cornice is one of the more remarkable features of the Church. The rear wall and the sidewalls each have two windows with modern six-over-six sash. An early doorway on the south has been bricked up. On the north, the two present doors replace the original central entrance. A bricked-up window opening on the west wall may mark the site of the original elevated pulpit. Near the north end of the west wall is a bricked-up opening at floor level, for which no explanation has been found. Air holes have been cut in the foundation to ventilate the crawl space below.

Across the road are frame carriage sheds and a stone caretaker's house, still part of the church property.

Behind the Church, on the north slope of Iron Hill, is the farm, still owned by the congregation, that was left to the Baptists during the eighteenth century by Hugh Morris. The Delaware Turnpike(I-95)now bisects the Church farm.

Tombstones dating to the first half of the eighteenth century, some of native rock, survive in the surrounding graveyard.

The interior furnishings are Victorian.



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SIGNIFICANCE

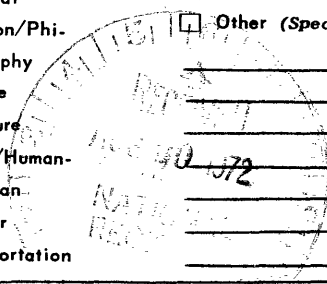
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 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1746

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1701, the Pennsylvania proprietary granted 30,000 acres in western New Castle County to a group of Welsh settlers. This grant, roughly the territory now included in Pencader Hundred, was subdivided into large rectangular lots, ranging in size from 100 to 500 acres. Near the northern edge of the tract, at Iron Hill, the Welsh settlers established mills and ironworks within a few years after their arrival.

To this land near Iron Hill, a group of sixteen Baptists travelled in 1703 from the counties of Pembroke and Caermarthen in Wales. After a short stay in Philadelphia, they took up land in New Castle County. The group had already been constituted a church in Wales, and when they settled on the Welsh Tract, they proceeded to build the third Baptist Meeting House in America. From this meeting, groups went as far as the Peedee River in South Carolina to form daughter churches. In Delaware, the Duck Creek, Wilmington, and Mispillion churches looked to the Welsh Tract as their parent church.

In 1746 the present meeting house was built, containing, according to church records, timbers from the original building. A badly mended portion of one wall is said to be the result of a cannon ball shot when the British encountered American militia at Cooch's Bridge in September of 1777.

The Welsh Tract Church introduced liturgical and doctrinal variations to the churches of the Middle States, including singing, the practice of ruling elders, and the imposition of hands. These articles were signed by the Welsh Tract members in 1716, and were the source of controversy between the Delaware church and the Philadelphia churches.

Morgan Edwards, Welsh Tract's minister and historian, mentions the disagreement between the two groups. In addition to efforts to found a Baptist College in Providence, later Brown University, Edwards wished to publish a history of the Baptist churches in America. He died in 1795, three years after publishing the second volume in the series. His notes on Delaware Baptists were to be his third, in which the Welsh Tract Church would have taken a central position.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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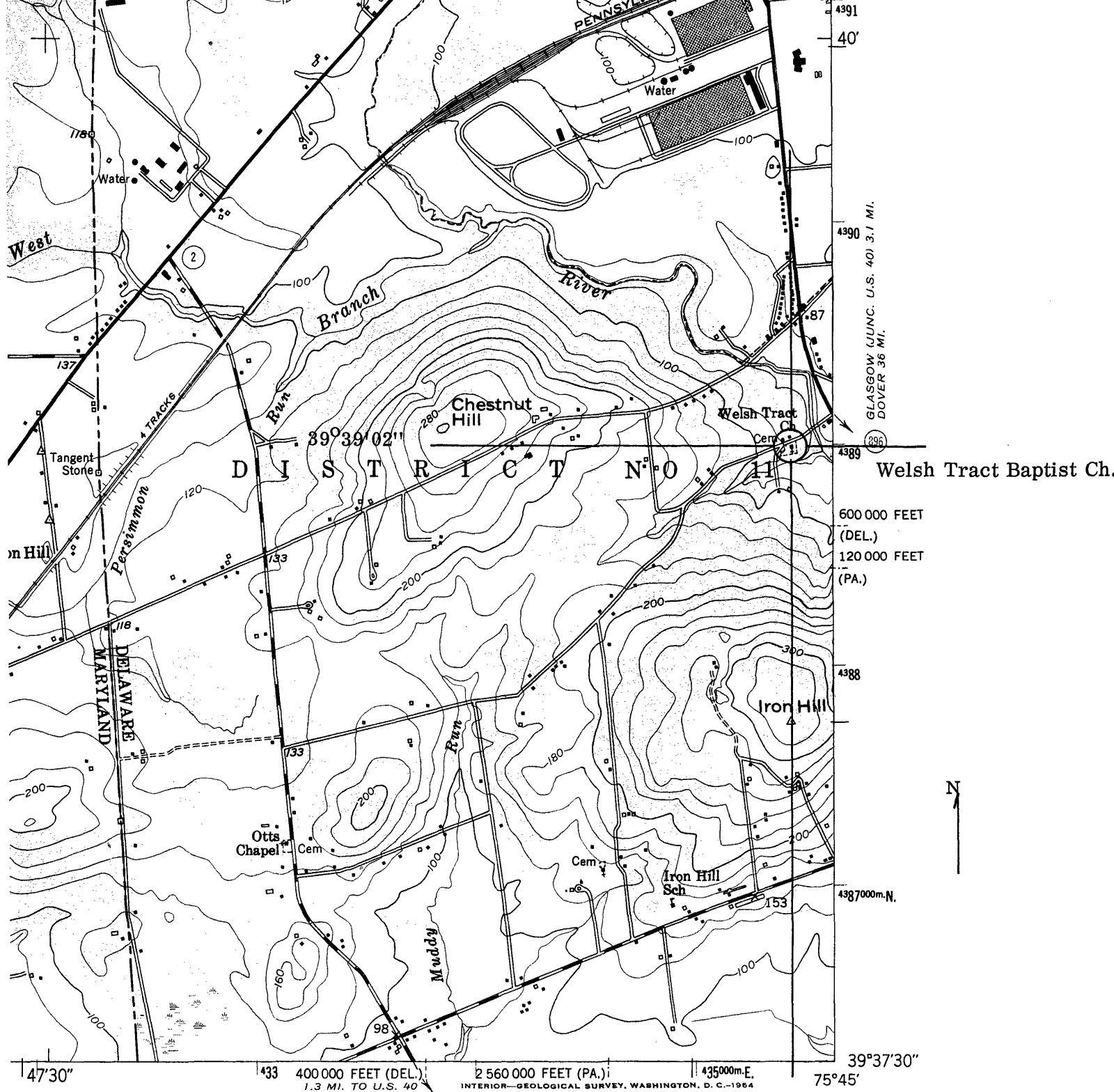
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12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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 E. Berkeley Tompkins
 Title State Liaison Officer
 Date 8-24-72

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.
Robert H. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Date 3/1/73
 ATTEST:
W. M. ...
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date 2-27-73

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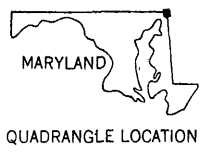


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