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The attached property, the Indian Mission Church, as part of the Nanticoke Indian Community, in Sussex County, Delaware, reference number 79003307, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 4/26/1979, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST notice of Tuesday, March 18, 1980, Part II, Vol.45, No. 54, page 17451. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.

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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

Nanticoke Indian Community

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PROPERTY INVENTORY

NANTICOKE INDIAN COMMUNITY

1. Indian Mission Church (S-759)

Location: Intersection of Route 5 and County Road 48.

Description: Indian Mission Church is an early-twentieth century religious structure that retains its original use. It is a wood frame, clapboard-covered, gothic style, building typical of rural churches in southern Delaware. The gable front has a large lancet window with intersecting tracery. The main entrance is through the base of a two-story, hipped-roof tower with a bracket cornice. The double door and window above from a lancet opening with y-tracery. Side windows are simple lancets. All windows have stained glass borders with textured glass center panes.

Significance: The present Indian Mission Church replaced the simple chapel constructed after the strongly Indian families of the Nanticoke community separated from Harmony church over the hiring of a black minister. It continues to serve the separatist faction of the community, and illustrates the effort to maintain ethnic identity through institutional separation.

Acreage: One acre.

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property is all that land owned by the United Methodist Church, Peninsula Conference, and includes the church grounds and neighboring graveyard.

Longitude: 75 14' 05" W

Latitude: 38 40' 25" N

2. Harmony Church (S-753)

Location: Harmony Church is located on the north side of Route 24 about a quarter mile east of County Road 313.

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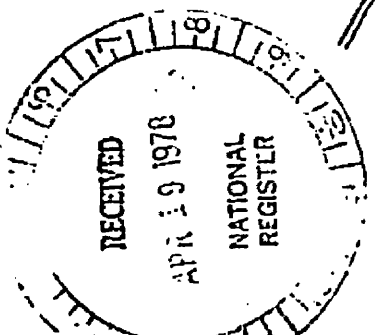


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FILE S-759 TITLE NANTICOKE



*Nanticoke River Channel
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Name: Indian Mission Church

Location: Rt. 5 north of Millsboro, Delaware

Photographer: Frank W. Porter, III

Date: December 1977

Location of Negatives: Division of Hist. & Cultural Affairs,
E/ASHP, Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware 19901

Description: View to northeast

Photograph Number: 1

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