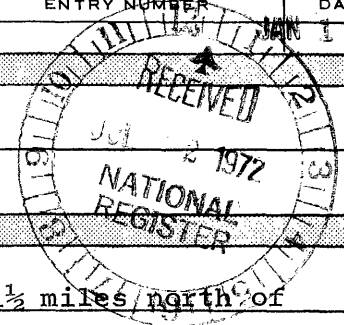


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: New Castle	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JAN 18 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Union Methodist Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Union Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
On U.S. Route 13 in Appoquinimink Hundred, 1 1/2 miles north of

CITY OR TOWN:
Blackbird crossroads

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

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered 	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific 	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Old Union Church Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
c/o Mr. W. Charles Money, 5 West Park Place

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

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
County Building

STREET AND NUMBER:
Rodney Square

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

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Greater Wilmington Development Council List of Delaware Heritage Buildings

DATE OF SURVEY: 1963
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Greater Wilmington Development Council

STREET AND NUMBER:
300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 1320

CITY OR TOWN: Wilmington,	STATE: Delaware	CODE 10
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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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

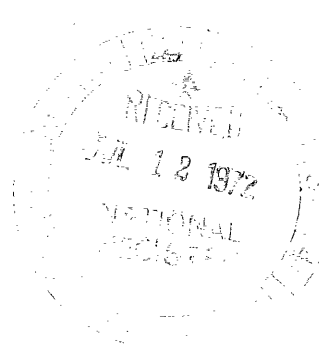
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Old Union is a brick church, built in 1847 by a congregation that has worshipped here since it was organized in 1789. The interior is divided into two rooms: a vestibule under the gallery, and the main meeting room. The door is in the east wall, where it faces the former highway, which has since been relocated west of the church. Three large windows on each sidewall provide the principal lighting. On either side of the pulpit, in the west wall, are smaller windows.

The interior retains its nineteenth-century appearance, with dark stained and varnished pews, a gothic pulpit, and gothic chairs in the chancel. Surrounding the church and across the old road to the east is an extensive cemetery, in which are buried several important churchmen, including Bishop Levi Scott, a native of the neighborhood.

The bricks for this 40' by 60' building were burnt on the property, which was given to the Methodists in 1789 by Joseph Dickerson. The last major renovation of the present structure was in 1877.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input 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) 1847

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)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Old Union Church is one of the best-preserved specimens of early Delaware Methodist meeting houses, which once were quite common throughout the State. It is preserved by a local preservation society that maintains the graveyard and the church in an excellent state of repair.

Except for gothic interior fittings, the church is without embellishment, in keeping with early Methodist teachings. The proportions of the exterior are reminiscent of the Greek Revival, but without the ornament that usually is associated with that style.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

J. Thomas Scharf, History of Delaware 1609-1888, 1888, vol. II, p. 1021.

Greater Wilmington Development Council, A List of Delaware Heritage Buildings and Areas in New Castle County, 1963.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **five**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mr. Edward F. Heite, Historic Registrar

ORGANIZATION: **Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs** DATE: **May 2, 1972**

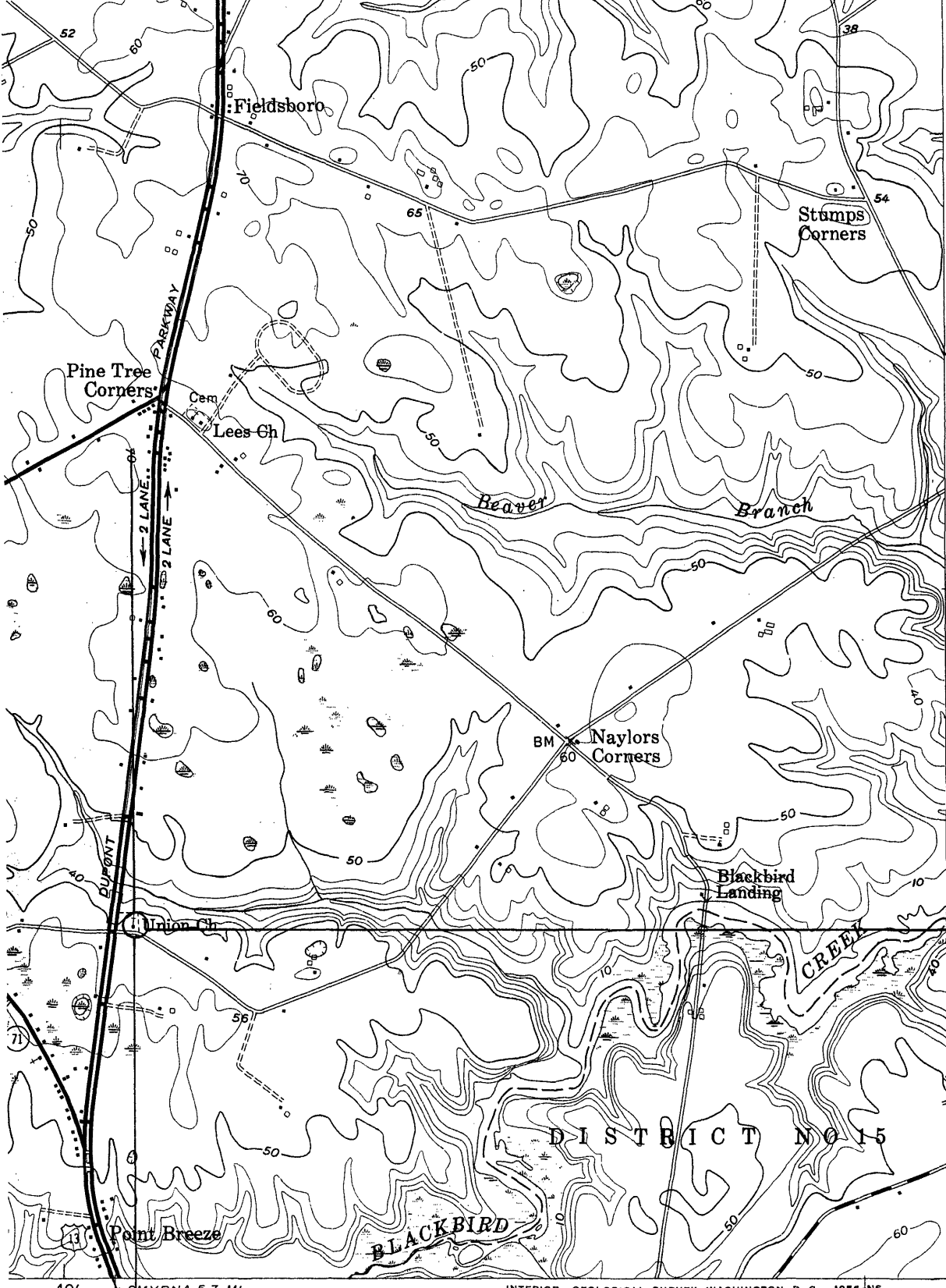
STREET AND NUMBER:
Hall of Records

CITY OR TOWN: **Dover** STATE: **Delaware** CODE: **10**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>E. Berkeley Tompkins</u> Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins</p> <p>Title <u>State Liaison Officer</u></p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert W. Utley</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>1/18/73</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>William H. Huntz</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>1/9/73</u></p>
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TAYLORS BRIDGE 2.5 MI.

TAYLORS BRIDGE 3.7 MI.

75° 39' 49"

39° 23' 15"

39° 22' 30"

75° 37' 30"

(SMYRNA)

40'

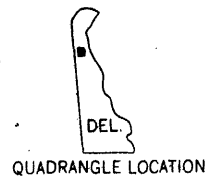
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DOVER 17 MI.

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty Light-duty
- Medium-duty Unimproved dirt
- U. S. Route State Route

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL.
NW/4 SMYRNA 15' QUADRANGLE
N 3922.5—W 7537.5/7.5