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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC  
Bethany Chapel (Hamburg Presbyterian Church)  
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
103 Hamburg Turnpike <sup>Tpke.</sup>  
CITY, TOWN  
Hamburg ~~Borough~~  
STATE  
New Jersey  
VICINITY OF  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
13th  
COUNTY  
Sussex  
CODE  
034  
CODE  
037  
NOT FOR PUBLICATION

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
First Presbyterian Church of Hamburg  
STREET & NUMBER  
103 Hamburg Turnpike  
CITY, TOWN  
Hamburg  
VICINITY OF  
STATE  
New Jersey

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
County Hall of Records  
STREET & NUMBER  
1 Park Place  
CITY, TOWN  
Newton  
STATE  
New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory  
DATE  
1979  
DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
Office of Historic Preservation  
CITY, TOWN  
Trenton  
STATE  
New Jersey  
FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church of Hamburg was erected between September, 1869 and November, 1869. The Church was first known as Bethany Chapel.

The main church building is 57 feet by 26 feet, and is fashioned of stone in a random coursed, but rusticated manner. Windows along the side of the sanctuary are in pairs, and are double hung. The sanctuary is basically one story with an open vaulted interior. The church has a small narthex, measuring six feet by seven feet. The main entry consists of double doors, forming a single lancet opening, each door having a pair of Gothic style decorative strap hinges. Above the door is a date-block bearing the date of 1869.

In 1879 the two transepts were added, built of the same type and style of stone, and keeping the same general building lines of the sanctuary. The south transept has a large lancet window, made up of three smaller lancet windows and a quatrefoil. A single lancet shaped door, on gothic styled decorative strap hinges, provides an access to the sanctuary from the south transept. The north transept also provides a side entry to the sanctuary. The door is of modern manufacture, and obviously has replaced the original single lancet shaped door. The door is flanked by two lancet windows and has a circular window above the entry way. Each of these two windows is comprised of two smaller lancets and a quatrefoil.

The roof of the entire building is of slate arranged in horizontal bands of rectangular and hexagonal slates. Each band is four or five slates in vertical depth. A cast iron gallery once ran along the ridge of the roofs of the sanctuary and the transepts. The date of the removal of the gallery is unknown.

The large rear window in the sanctuary, comprised of three lancets and a single quartrefoil, depicting Christ, was installed in 1883.

The bell tower and steeple were added to the church in 1884. The base of the tower is six foot square and is constructed of the same type and style of stone as was the sanctuary and transepts. The steeple is eight sided and is covered with both rectangular and hexagonal slates, arranged in the same fashion as is the main roof. The frieze at the top of the tower's stonework is pierced with quartrefoils and is surmounted with castellated stonework. The tower and steeple together are approximately fifty feet tall.

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DESCRIPTION (continued)

The overall design of the church has obviously been influenced by the Gothic Revival style of architecture in this country.

The parsonage was constructed c. 1901, and is a two story wood frame single family house. The foundation is red brick. The first floor has weatherboard covering, while the second floor is covered with wooden shingles. The roof of the main section of the house is gambrel and covered with hexagonal asphalt shingles. All of the windows are two over two, and double hung.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1869, 1879, 1884

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The First Presbyterian Church of Hamburg has provided religious services to Hamburg for 110 years and is a good example of rural Gothic Revival architecture.

With the organization and settling of any community one of the first public buildings to be erected was the church. Besides the religious needs of the community a church fulfills, it served other needs as well. It was a public meeting place where local residents could get together and discuss important municipal business, as well as exchanging news from outside of their area.

The present First Presbyterian Church of Hamburg has been in continuous service to the community for 110 years (as of 1979).

The residents of the Hamburg area generally held their membership with the Sparta Presbyterian Church during the period of 1786 to 1819. There were basically two groups - one located at North Church and the other located in Hamburg. Both of these groups had land and buildings in this general area as early as 1802 and 1813. On May 14, 15, 1819 the Hamburg Presbyterian Church and the First Presbyterian Church of North Hardyston were organized by the Presbytery of Newark. The Reverend Edward Allan was assigned as the first pastor to the two churches with their congregations.

The Reverend Barr Baldwin became the pastor in July, 1821. He was given one-half of his pastoral time, and received one-half of his salary in produce. During his three years as pastor, in 1822, the Hamburg Church officially dissolved and incorporated with the North Church. The two congregations, however, continued to hold separate services.

The Reverend Baldwin was succeeded by the Reverend Nathaniel Conkling, who remained for four years, During his tenure, 39 individuals were added to the church roll. He was succeeded by the Reverend Dr. Elias R. Fairchild, who served the church exclusively for nine years. Under his direction, the church added some 190 people to the rolls, an average of 21 new members per year.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

**SCALE NOT VERIFIED**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.03

QUADRANGLE NAME Hamburg

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 535755 4554965  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B           
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C         

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E         

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Wayne T. McCabe, P.P. Partner

ORGANIZATION

Historic Preservation Alternatives, Inc.

DATE

May 31, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

15 Sussex Street

TELEPHONE

(201) 383-1283

CITY OR TOWN

Newton

STATE

New Jersey

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL XX

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

Deputy

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

10-26-79

TITLE Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Sally J. Olden  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 2/29/80

ATTEST: Bill W. Bouch  
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE Feb 22, 1980

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SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

The Reverend Joel Campbell began his ministry in 1838, and continued for eighteen years. David C. Meeker became pastor in April, 1857, and remained two years. The Reverend Goodloe B. Bell succeeded him in October, 1859 and continued in that capacity until the close of the American Civil War. At the time of his departure, Mr. Bell left a revised roll of some forty members, down from 200 when he had assumed his position.

The Reverend Alanson A. Haines succeeded Mr. Bell and served the two churches for twenty-five years. (The Reverend Haines' father, Daniel Haines, served as Governor of New Jersey from 1843 to 1844 and from 1848 to 1851.) It was during the tenure of Reverend Haines that the present Hamburg Presbyterian Church was erected.

Ground was broken in September, 1869 for the Hamburg Church, first known as Bethany Chapel. Forty-two days after the laying of the first stone, the entire stone work of the sanctuary was laid up, and measured some 57 feet by 23 feet. The first service was held in Chapel on the first Sabbath afternoon of December, 1869. The cost of the structure was \$2,000, with the largest contributor being former Governor Haines, who also served as an Elder.

In the summer of 1879 funds were raised for the addition of transepts to the church. Construction of the ten foot by twenty-one foot additions were begun in 1879 with dedication taking place on May 18, 1881. The rear stained glass window of Christ was installed in 1883, the expense of which was \$360. The six foot square bell tower and steeple were erected in 1884, at a cost of \$450. Finally, the interior walls were frescoed in 1887.

In 1901, members of the North Church petitioned the Presbytery of Newton to separate the congregation into two churches, as had previously existed. Thus the First Presbyterian Church of Hamburg was reorganized and incorporated on October 8, 1901. The Reverend William Harper served as the first pastor of the newly reorganized church. It was also during this period that the adjoining parsonage was built. Since that time the church has grown slowly.

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SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

The First Presbyterian Church of Hamburg is significant because it has been in continuous use for 110 years to the community. It has served as an extremely important meeting place to discuss local matters, and has afforded both an educational (cultural) and religious leadership for the entire community. It also is a good example of rural Gothic Revival architecture.

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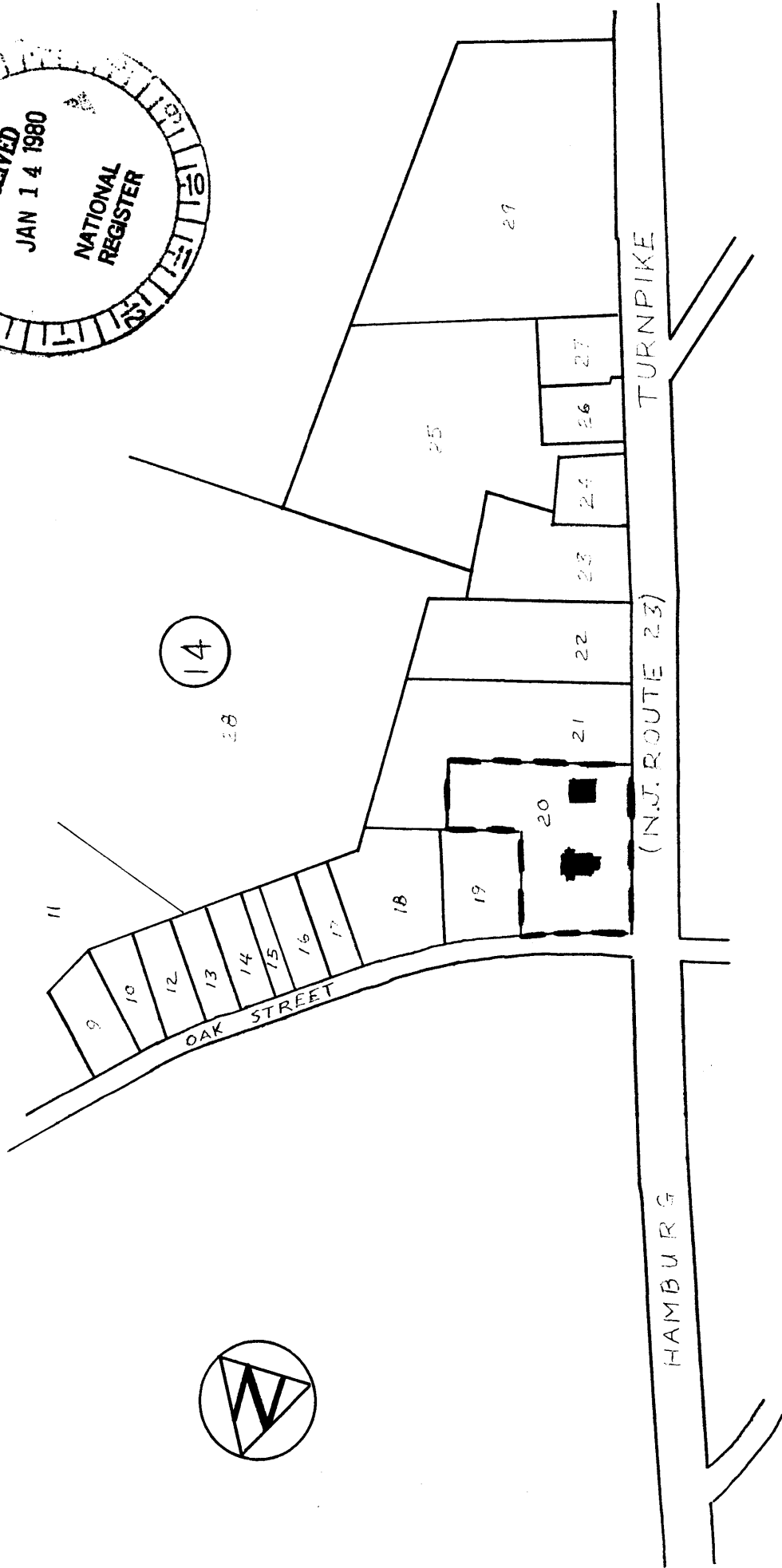
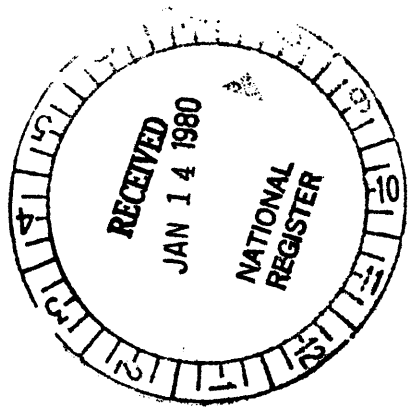
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property nominated is basically a rectangular lot 233 feet by 150 feet situated at the corner of the Hamburg Turnpike (State Route 23) and Oak Street. A square parcel of land (104 feet by 100 feet) is attached to the southeast corner of the rectangular lot.





--- BOUNDARY LINE

HAMBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HAMBURG BORO, SUSSEX CO., N.J.

SCALE: 1" = 200' JUNE 1, 1979

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