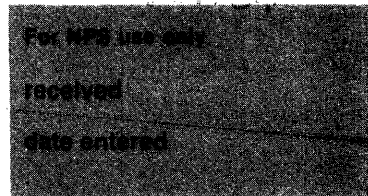


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Property Name: MILFORD NEW CENTURY CLUB

Location and Verbal Boundary Description:

Located at 6 S. Church Avenue on the west side opposite the junction of S. Church Avenue and S. W. Front Street. It sits on an odd-shaped lot with a frontage of 107 feet on S. Church Street and 101 feet on its north side. It is bounded on the north and west by property of the Avenue Methodist Church and on the south by a vacant lot. It occupies .208 acres.

Owner: New Century Club, 6 S. Church Avenue, Milford, DE. (obtained 12/8/81 at Kent County Board of Assessments).

Property Description:

The Milford New Century Club building was built in 1892 as a school building and has not been altered since its construction. In plan, it is T-shaped, with a cross gable wing on the street side and the entrance on a smaller entrance wing to the south side. It is a 1-story building with a gable roof. The exterior walls are finished in grooved weatherboarding with the gable being done in vertical board. The window and door openings have cornice heads with the windows being four-over-four and the door being double-hung, 2-panel, with wide stiles and rails. The whole sits on a brick foundation.

Historical Background:

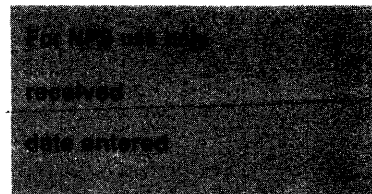
The Milford New Century Club building was built in 1885 as a schoolhouse for the Classical Academy, which had been organized in 1883. It was one of a number of private schools established in Milford. The New Century Club was organized in 1898, and in the next year began to meet at the Classical Academy.

The building had been built on land leased from the heirs of Governor William Tharp and in 1900 the New Century Club leased the building from the Academy. In 1905, they purchased the building and in 1913 they purchased the land.

Besides serving as a meeting place for the New Century Club, the building has also been used for many community functions, such as first aid training during World War II.

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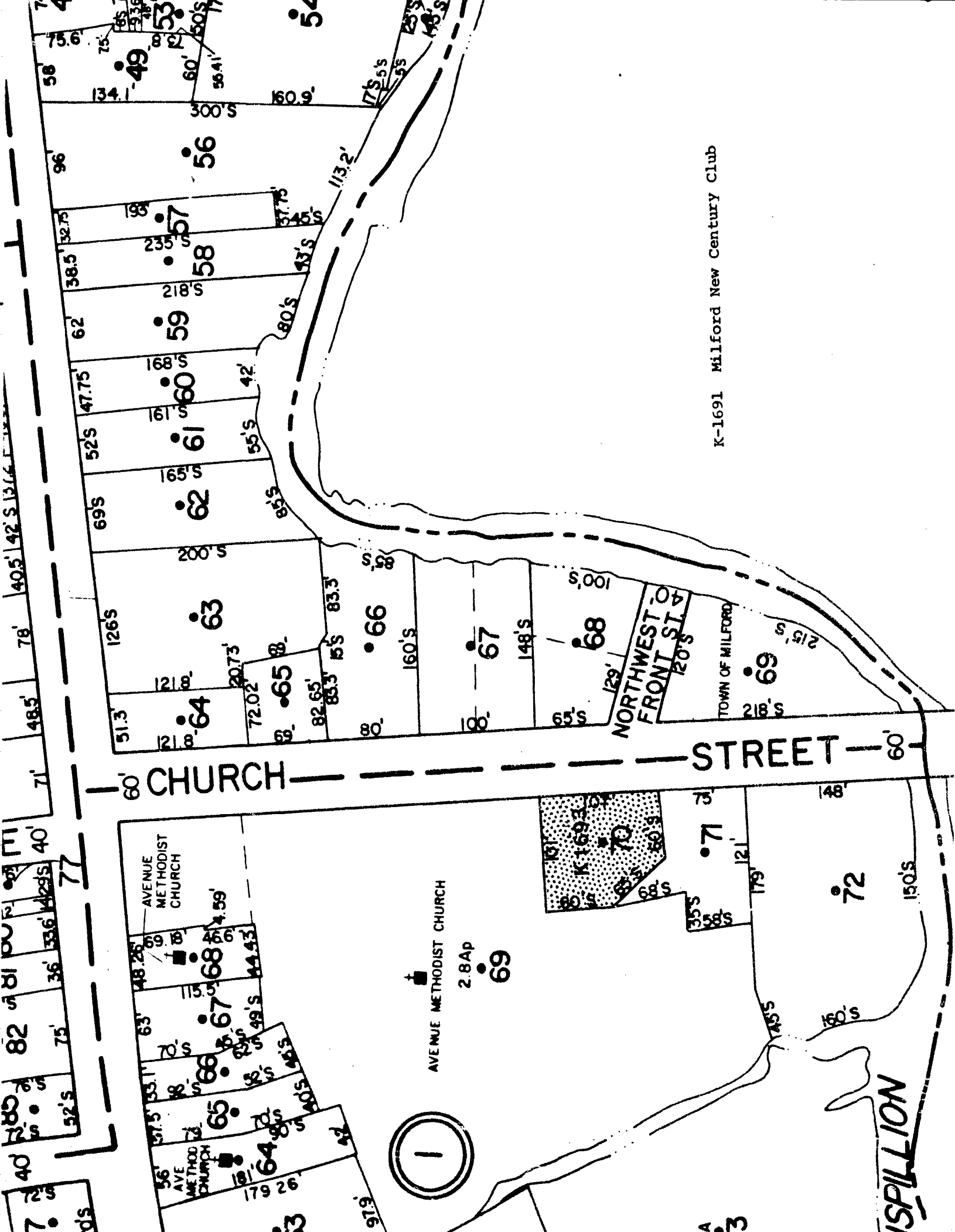
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Property Significance:

The Milford New Century Club is eligible under Criterion A and Criterion C. The Milford New Century Club building has served many purposes in its history. It was originally built as a private school in Milford, and helped to continue a long history of private academies in the town that dates back to the beginning of the nineteenth century and the founding of the Milford Academy (K-1694.95 and K-174), before 1810. With its purchase by the New Century Club in 1905, the building has continued to serve the community by housing an organization committed to providing an opportunity for Milford women to share their interest in "literature, music, art and current events" and to "foster intellectual civic development."

Besides its significance as a community center, the New Century Club is also significant as an institutional example of a late Gothic building with classical elements such as full cornice, window heads, and the use of classical motifs on the bargeboard. It is the only one of its kind surviving in Milford.



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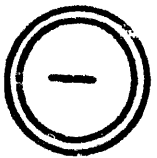
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