

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: New Castle	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER MAR 7 1973	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Old St. Anne's Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
St. Anne's Church

**2. LOCATION**

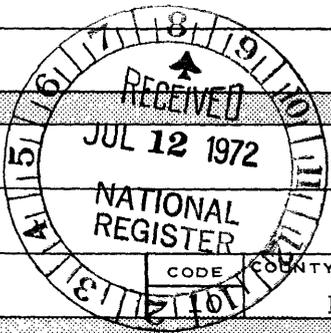
STREET AND NUMBER: 5 of Middle-  
Route 896 town off Del. 71

CITY OR TOWN:  
Middletown mic.

STATE: Delaware

CODE: COUNTY: New Castle

CODE: 003



**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 Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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 checked="" 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) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Parish

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Green Street

CITY OR TOWN: Middletown

STATE: Delaware

CODE: 10

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Dover

STATE: Delaware

CODE: 10

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1938

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington

STATE: D.C.

CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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

St. Anne's was established in 1704 on a grant of ten acres' vacant land, as a mission of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. The log chapel built then stood until about 1768, when the present brick church was built, under the direction of the Reverend Philip Reading, who was rector from 1746 until the Revolution, when he closed the church rather than drop the prayer for the King.

St. Anne's Church stands on a small knoll overlooking a branch of Appoquinimink Creek. The present highway, Route 896, runs east of the churchyard, but an earlier trace of the King's Road crosses the churchyard to the west of the church. The churchyard is bounded on the west by the Penn-Central Railroad, on the east by Route 896, on the north by a branch of Appoquinimink Creek, and on the south by a side road, Delaware 447.

The present church is brick, laid in Flemish bond, with belt course, moulded water table, and pedimented gables. The south and north walls each contain two stories of windows; a second-story gallery runs the length of the south wall. The west end contains five windows, arranged in two stories, and a doorway; the east wall contains a single three-part palladian window over the chancel. The south door is now the principal entrance, although the west door may have been more frequently used when the road ran west of the church. A raised pulpit in the center of the north wall is the focus of the church; none of the pews directly face the Holy Table at the east end.

From the post-Revolutionary reorganization of the Protestant Episcopal Church until after the Civil War, the brick church was used regularly for services. In the eighteen-sixties, however, the growth of Middletown and a shift in population brought about the establishment first of a chapel and then a new church in Middletown, about a mile away. After 1872, when the present stone "Town Church" was built on Green Street, the old church was opened infrequently, although the cemetery continued in use.

Restoration of the old church was begun in 1952 and completed in 1955, under the direction of Albert Kruse, architect, and Harry Lindsey, builder. Aside from structural repairs, the only major alterations to the original church had been made in 1847, using primarily the original materials. The architect was able to find many of the original elements re-used in the building, and to replace them in their original positions. The floor plan became evident when the pews were removed, and the original layout could be determined from nail-marks in the floor. Greek-revival embellishments on the palladian window, and an extension in the size of the gallery, were the principal 1847 changes that were removed.

The restored church is used during the summer months by the parish, and for community weekday evening candle-light services. There is no electricity in the building except service to the organ.

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7. DESCRIPTION (continued)--

The adjacent cemetery, while it contains some eighteenth-century stones, is particularly distinguished for the quality of its nineteenth-century monuments.



**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1768

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |   |  |
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| <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                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        | _____                                    |
| <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

The Anglican Church in Delaware was not established, although some parishes did obtain public lands for religious purposes. Because dissenters were a growing majority, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel established vigorous missions here early in its existence. From these missions arose most of the parishes that formed the Diocese of Delaware. St. Anne's is the best-preserved of the SPG missions, but it represents a period far removed from the pioneer missionary phase of development. Although its rector boasted that the church was "designed and constructed in a manner that would do credit to a populous city," it still is basically a meeting-house, distinguished from the dissenters' buildings only by the presence of a chancel and a Holy Table.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

George Kelly, Chairman, A History of the Parish Together with The Story of the Restoration, booklet published on the occasion of the dedication of the restored St. Anne's Church in 1955.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		75°	42'	46"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **5**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**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**

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 **Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins**  
 Title **State Liaison Officer**  
 Date **6-30-72**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

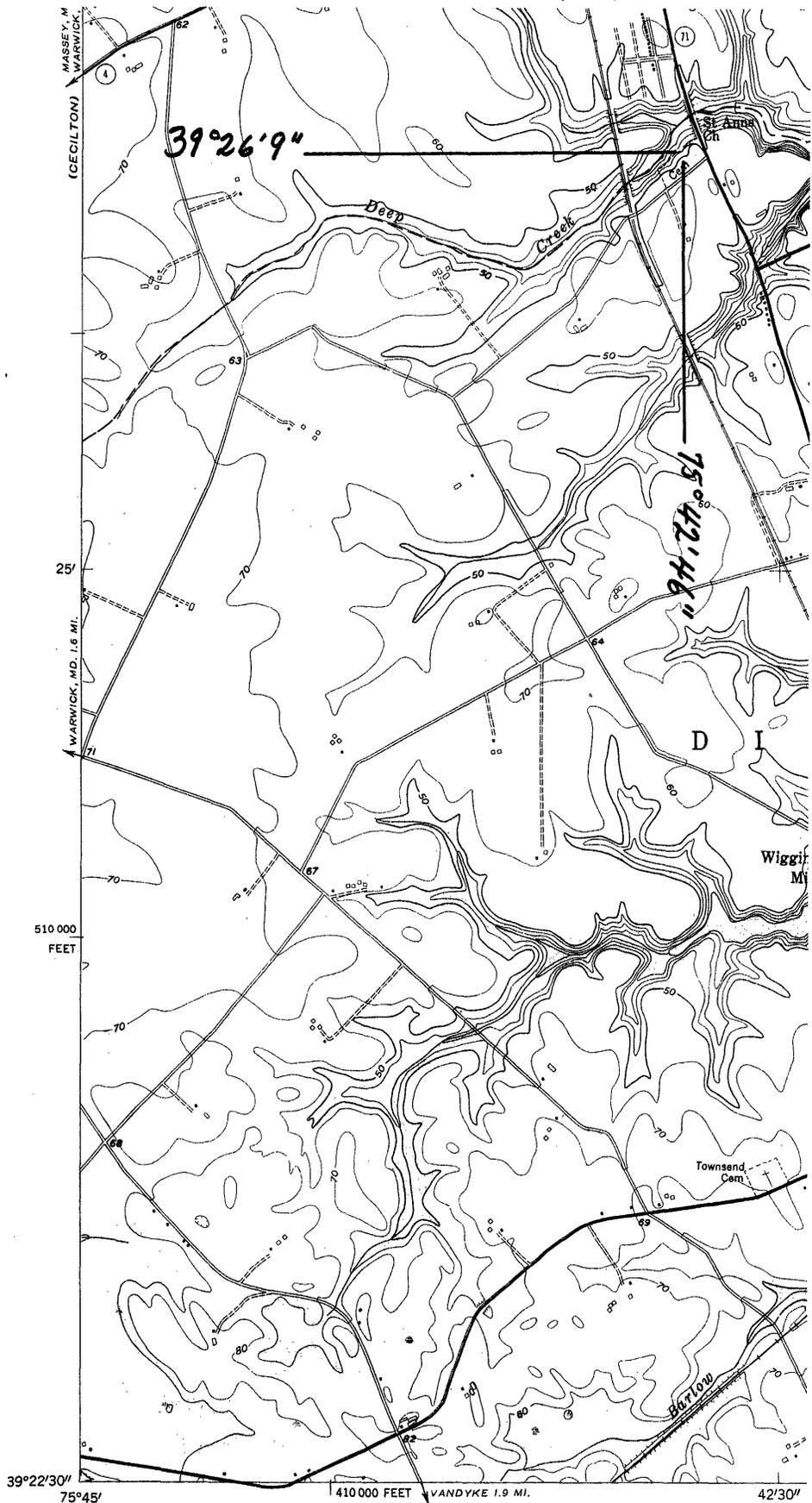
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

**Robert Utley**  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
 Date **3/7/73**

ATTEST:  
**W. J. [Signature]**  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date **3.1.73**

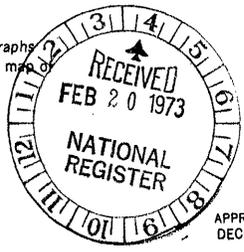
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 Control by USGS and USC&GS  
 Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs taken 1951. Topography enlarged from 1:62,500 scale map of Smyrna quadrangle 15 minute series. Original map by planetable surveys 1926-1927. Revised 1953  
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
 10,000-foot grid based on Delaware coordinate system



TRUE NORTH  
 MAGNETIC NORTH  
 APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION, 1953