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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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1. Name of Property
historic name West Woods Methodist Episcopal Church
other names/site number <u>S10142</u>
2. Location
street & number North side of West Woods Road, west of Millsboro Highway not for publication city or town Gumboro vicinity X state Delaware code DE county Sussex code 05 zip code 19966
3. State/Federal Agency Certification
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the Nationa Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion the propertyX meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide _X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Signature of certifying official Date 610 1/07
Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, State Historic Preservation Officer State or Federal agency and bureau
In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Signature of commenting or other official Date

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6. Function or Use ______ Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions) Sub: Church Cat: Religious Secondary Structure **Domestic** Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions) Religious Cat: Sub: Church Secondary Structure **Domestic** 7. Description ______ Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) Late Gothic Revival Materials (Enter categories from instructions) foundation Brick

other

roof

walls

Steel

Weatherboard

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Physical Description

Placed in the rural setting of Gumboro Hundred in southern Sussex County, Delaware, the West Woods Methodist Church is a fine example of the combined expression of two Victorian period vernacular stylistic expressions, Gothic Revival and Queen Anne, as well as a representation of the once common Methodist meeting houses that were virtually identical in size, shape, massing, and scale that were constructed throughout Delaware in the nineteenth century. Despite the removal of the historic pew benches on the interior and the replacement of clear glass panes in the windows, the building retains a high degree of integrity from the period of significance.

Nestled in the shade of mature trees and sited along the right-of-way of West Woods Road, north of the southern Delaware community of Gumboro, the one and one half story, three bay by three bay, frame, weatherboard sided church building has a steeply pitched gable roof sheathed in pressed metal siding with a ridge that runs perpendicular to the road. The gable ends display vertically-laid shiplap siding and a simple vergeboard with a sawn pendant. These details, along with the decorative brackets in the eaves indicate vernacular Queen Anne style details in an otherwise Victorian Gothic Revival stylistic presence. The roof pitch and dramatically pointed arch lintels that frame the upper sashes of the windows across the building best express the Gothic Revival aspects of the design. Brick is the material of the foundation wall and the exterior chimneys placed between the second and third bays of both the east and west elevations.

The façade (south elevation) of the building faces the road and is arranged in a symmetrical fashion with the double leaf entry, including sidelights

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and a transom, flanked by the tall pointed arch windows. A single window, similarly detailed but smaller in size to those on the first level is located in the center of the gable end. A painted wooden sign stating "West Woods Methodist Church" is placed above the entrance surround. A simple curved molding is placed as a cornice to distinguish between the first story and attic space above. Flat board water table and corner boards complete the detailing on the façade. A concrete stoop provides access to the centrally placed double leaf paneled entry doors. The two-over-two light glazing pattern, along with the steeply pointed windows emphasize verticality. Original clear glass in the sashes was replaced with opalescent translucent glass after the period of significance.

The east and west elevations are identical. They are three bays long and display three regularly spaced and identically detailed wood sash windows. The rear (north elevation) displays a projecting, gable roofed bay behind the altar, lit by a pair of windows on the sides that are identical in style to those throughout the building but smaller in scale. The rear of the projecting bay displays the same decorative siding treatment as the façade, including the vertical board siding in the gable end, but without any additional openings.

A striking feature of the interior of the building is the complete coverage of the walls and ceiling in decorative pressed metal. Although the original pew benches were replaced in the 1960s, the existing pews are similar in design and arrangement to the original benches, laid out forming a wide central aisle and two narrower side aisles. The dais is rectangular with very simple furnishings. Interior trim around the windows and door is simply detailed. A vertical board wainscot terminates in a simply figured chair rail at the height of the window sills.

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The only other building on the property is a small, frame, vertical sided, shed roofed, privy located directly behind the church building that is still in active use.

Other associated landscape features that are historically associated with the church but are no longer in church ownership, and therefore not considered part of the nomination are: the camp meeting grounds, which may have been located directly across West Woods Road from the Church, and the cemetery, located approximately 1/8 of a mile west of the church along West Woods Road.

The decision to exclude the cemetery is appropriate because it is not placed in the standard pattern surrounding the church and therefore it must be evaluated individually for listing. The grove of trees across from the church has not been confirmed as the camp meeting site through research. There are no standing structures and an entrance drive to a large building complex cuts through the site, impacting integrity. Individual evaluation of these two additional resources should be undertaken independently from this nomination.

8. Statement of Significance
Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)
A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
X C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.
Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)
X A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or a grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.
Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions): Architecture
Period of Significance: 1891
Significant Dates: 1891- Date of Construction
Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above): N/A
Cultural Affiliation: N/A
Architect/Builder: Architect: Unknown / Carpenters: Marshall Smith, Winder LeCates, Bill Tolbert
Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Statement of Significance

Located on West Woods Road (RD 426) in Gumboro Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware, the West Woods Methodist Church is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as a well preserved and intact example of the once common Methodist meeting house type that was constructed throughout Delaware in the late eighteenth and through the nineteenth century. Built in 1891, this church is also exemplary of the tradition of family chapels, small rural churches established and maintained to the present by members of the founding families, in Delaware's rural communities. Members of the West family and other families represented on the Board of Trustees continue to use and maintain the church. Services continue to be held in this chapel, although not on a weekly basis. The West Woods Methodist Church also retains an especially high degree of architectural integrity.

Background

According to historians of the Methodist Church who documented the trends of American Methodism across the country, the founding and establishment of the West Woods Methodist Church matches the prescribed pattern. John McEllhenney's general history of the Methodist Church describes it:

When places of worship were built during the last decades of the eighteenth century and the first years of the nineteenth, they tended to be rectangular meeting houses--"built plain and decent, but not more expensive than is absolutely unavoidable"--fitted out with benches, a pulpit, and communion table. The buildings that survive from this period are shrines of United Methodism, but what has not

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survived was perhaps more characteristic of the worship of the period: the camp meeting grove. Here people from miles around gathered to listen to preachers who stood on tree stumps or temporary platforms. They sang simple gospel songs and often responded to the singing and preaching by jerking, rolling, barking, dancing, and falling--with the result nevertheless that many gave themselves to Christ, put aside their undisciplined ways of living, and became responsible citizens. These camp meetings were a major means of United Methodist expansion as they followed the American frontier on its moves over the Allegheny Mountains into the valley of the Ohio, then into the Mississippi basin and across the Missouri, and finally to the Pacific.¹

In Delaware, the 18th Century Methodist foothold in the United States, the first wave of conversions to the faith was accomplished through the charisma of the early itinerant preachers who traveled across the countryside. According to E. C. Hallman, in his book The Garden of Methodism, published by the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church circa 1950, the prominent 18th Century Methodist itinerant clergy, Freeborn Garrettson and Francis Asbury were actively preaching the Methodist gospel throughout the central southern Sussex County area in the 1780s, and were hosted by members of the West family.²

In the 1880s, a wave of revivalism swept through Gumboro Hundred providing the momentum for the eventual construction of a permanent house of worship. According to an account that survives in a five page typewritten history of

¹ From "200 years of United Methodism in America, Electronic Version" Text by John G. McEllhenney, one hundred twenty-eight illustrations from the Archives and History Center of the United Methodist Church, from the book published by Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, 1984. Accessed on October 12, 2004 at http://www.drew.edu/books/200Years/200UM/titlepg.htm

² E.C. Hallman, The Garden of Methodism, Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church: No Place, No Date (c. 1950). P. 325.

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the church, Isaac Short, a local farmer was out working in the fields in the fall with Mitch Hall when both men heard Isaac being called to begin preaching. Mitch Hall left the fields and went to tell everyone nearby about the call. Revival meetings were immediately held in the nearby Good Hope School House (non-extant), which was located approximately a mile east of the West Woods Methodist Church site. According to the account, "It was one of the greatest revivals ever held. It started in fodder saving time and lasted until corn planting time the following year. . . The [Good Hope] School House was crowded each night. . . People worked all day and walked to church that night . . . not saying it was too much to work all day and go to meetings every night. No! But left singing praises to God and sang all the way to their homes. It must have been wonderful to hear them."

After the initial burst of enthusiasm subsided, Sunday meetings continued to be held at the school. The development of the camp meeting in this area was also documented in this account. "In August woods meetings that evolved into a camp meeting were held. . . The tents, boarding house and Tabernacle were on one side of the road, the confectionary on the other side where the woods meeting had been held. There were approximately fifteen to twenty tents. . . This camp meeting continued three to four years and then people felt called to build the church." 4

Construction of the West Woods Methodist Church was a community effort. Joshua G. West gave the land and other members supplied the materials and labor. Carpenters were Marshall Smith, Winder Lecates and Bill Tolbert. Meetings ended at the Good Hope School when the church was finished in

³ Elizabeth P. Bahn, "West Woods ME Church," Typewritten Manuscript, no date.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

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1891. By 1940, West Woods was placed in a circuit with the longer established congregations at Gumboro Methodist Church (c. 1880) and Bethel Methodist Church (c. 1840).

Early Methodist Church Design

According to Methodist Historian Paul Neff Garber, "the first Methodist Discipline of 1784 stated: 'Let all our chapels be built plain and decent; but not more expensive than is absolutely unavoidable: otherwise the necessity of raising money will make rich men necessary to us. But if so, we must be dependent upon them, yea; and governed by them. And then farewell to the Methodist discipline, if not doctrine too.'" Methodist churches, particularly rural churches continued this design philosophy well into the late 19th Century. Examples that survive in Delaware that have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places include: Griffith's Chapel, Kent County, (NR 1994); Thomas' Chapel, Kent County, (NR 1994); Union Church, New Castle County, (NR 1973); Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Sussex County, (NR 1978). Several more remain on the landscape but have not yet been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

Architectural Significance

The West Woods Methodist Church design is a late, but important, example of its type. It displays the small size and scale promoted in early Methodist Discipline calling for their houses of worship to be "plain and decent." Although simple and older in form, the design is clearly late 19th century

⁶ Paul Neff Garber, <u>The Methodist Meeting House</u>. Board of Missions and Expansions, The Methodist Church. New York: New York. 1941, p. 34.

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in time period as evidenced by the applied detail in vernacular Queen Anne design including the decorative brackets, shiplap-sided gable ends, and sawn details. The vernacular Gothic Revival elements include the steeply pitched roof and pointed arch lintels. In a 1999 study of Sussex County Churches by the University of Delaware Center for Historic Architecture and Design, West Woods was singled out as an example of the simple plan of earlier churches that are "more expressive architecturally, highlighting windows with heavier trim, for example, . . . West Wood's . . . diamondheaded sashes recall the pointed arches of much more extravagant urban neogothic churches."

The West Wood's Methodist Church continues to be used and maintained by a devoted group of Trustees who continue to worship there. Members of the founding church families, these people continue to care for and insure the investment in this rural and isolated community by Joshua G. West and the other builders of the West Woods Methodist Church.

⁷ Leila Hamroun-Yazid and Jeff Klee, Draft of "The Churches of Sussex County." University of Delaware Center for Historic Architecture and Design. Unpublished Manuscript. 1998

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Comprehensive Planning

Zone:

Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp

Time Period:

1880-1940+/-: Urbanization and Early Suburbanization

Theme:

Religion

Property Type:

House of Worship: Church

9. Major Bibliographical References _____ (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.) Previous documentation on file (NPS) N/A preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested. N/A previously listed in the National Register N/A previously determined eligible by the National Register N/A designated a National Historic Landmark N/A recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # N/A recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # Primary Location of Additional Data State Historic Preservation Office Other State agency Federal agency Local government University: University of Delaware Center for Historic Architecture and Design Name of repository: Delaware Public Archives 10. Geographical Data Acreage of Property <1 Acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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Verbal Boundary Description:

The property is bounded on the south by West Woods Road and on the east, north, and west by adjacent property lines.

Boundary Justification:

This is all the property historically associated with the West Woods Methodist Episcopal Church building. The cemetery for the church is located approximately 1/8 mile west of the church on the south side of West Woods Road and is not included in this nomination. The property directly across the street from the church is thought by some to have been the location of the West Woods Camp Meeting Ground. The area is not in church ownership and has not been researched or evaluated for this project. No standing structures associated with that use survive.

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REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION
PROPERTY West Woods Methodist Episcopal Church NAME:
MULTIPLE NAME:
STATE & COUNTY: DELAWARE, Sussex
DATE RECEIVED: 2/22/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/12/0 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/27/07 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/07/0 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:
REFERENCE NUMBER: 07000246
REASONS FOR REVIEW:
APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: OTHER: Y PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: REQUEST: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL:
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REVIEWER Pottule Andres DISCIPLINE Historian
TELEPHONE DATE 4/5/2007
DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N
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National Register of Historic Places Evaluation/Return Sheet

Property Name:

West Woods Methodist Episcopal Church (Sussex County) DE

Reference Number:

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The nomination is being returned for the following technical and substantive reasons.

<u>Photographs</u>: The photographs are printed on Fuji "Crystal Archive" paper. Fuji "Crystal Archive" paper is a color photograph paper and color photograph paper does not meet National Register archival standards. Please reprint the photos on black and white paper.

<u>Period of Significance</u>: The building is nominated under Criterion C for architectural importance, yet the period of significance is defined as extending from 1891-1954. For properties nominated under Criterion C, the period of significance should be either the date of construction (if the building is considered a good example of its type or style), or a date range if there have been important architectural changes to the building since its construction. Please redefine the period of significance to reflect the building's architectural importance.

The condition of the nomination form: The nomination form, transmittal letter and usgs map appear to have gotten wet at some point. The National Register control unit informed me that the nomination arrived at the National Register in this condition. In addition, in printing the form a number of words in the left hand margin of various pages did not completely print out. Please consider reprinting the form.

Patrick Andrus, Historian

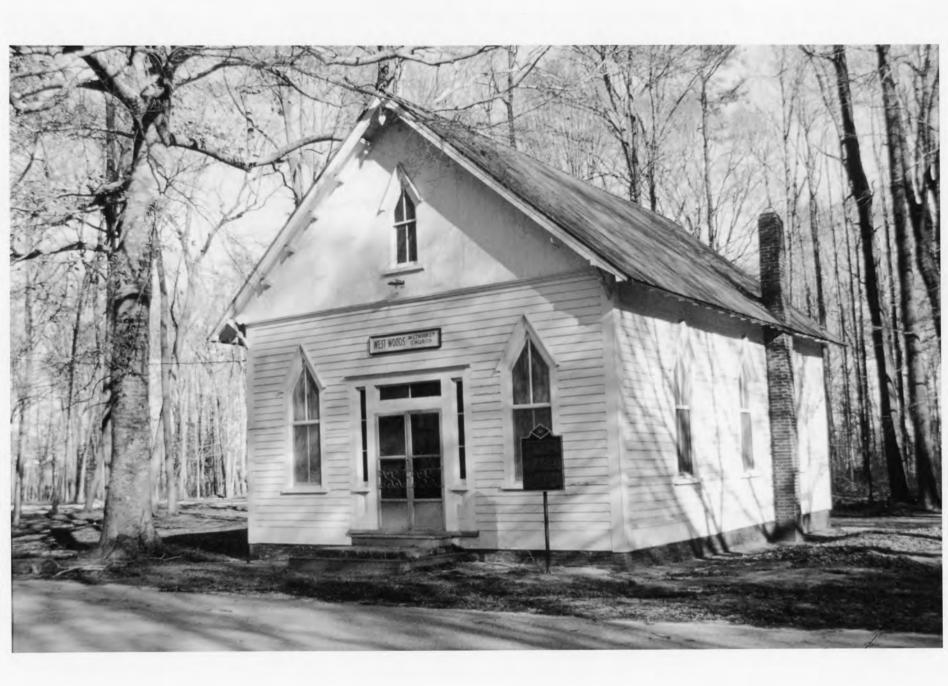
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REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION
PROPERTY West Woods Methodist Episcopal Church NAME:
MULTIPLE NAME:
STATE & COUNTY: DELAWARE, Sussex
DATE RECEIVED: 6/08/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST: DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/22/07 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:
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VIEW: FACADE + EAST Elevation, Facing NW

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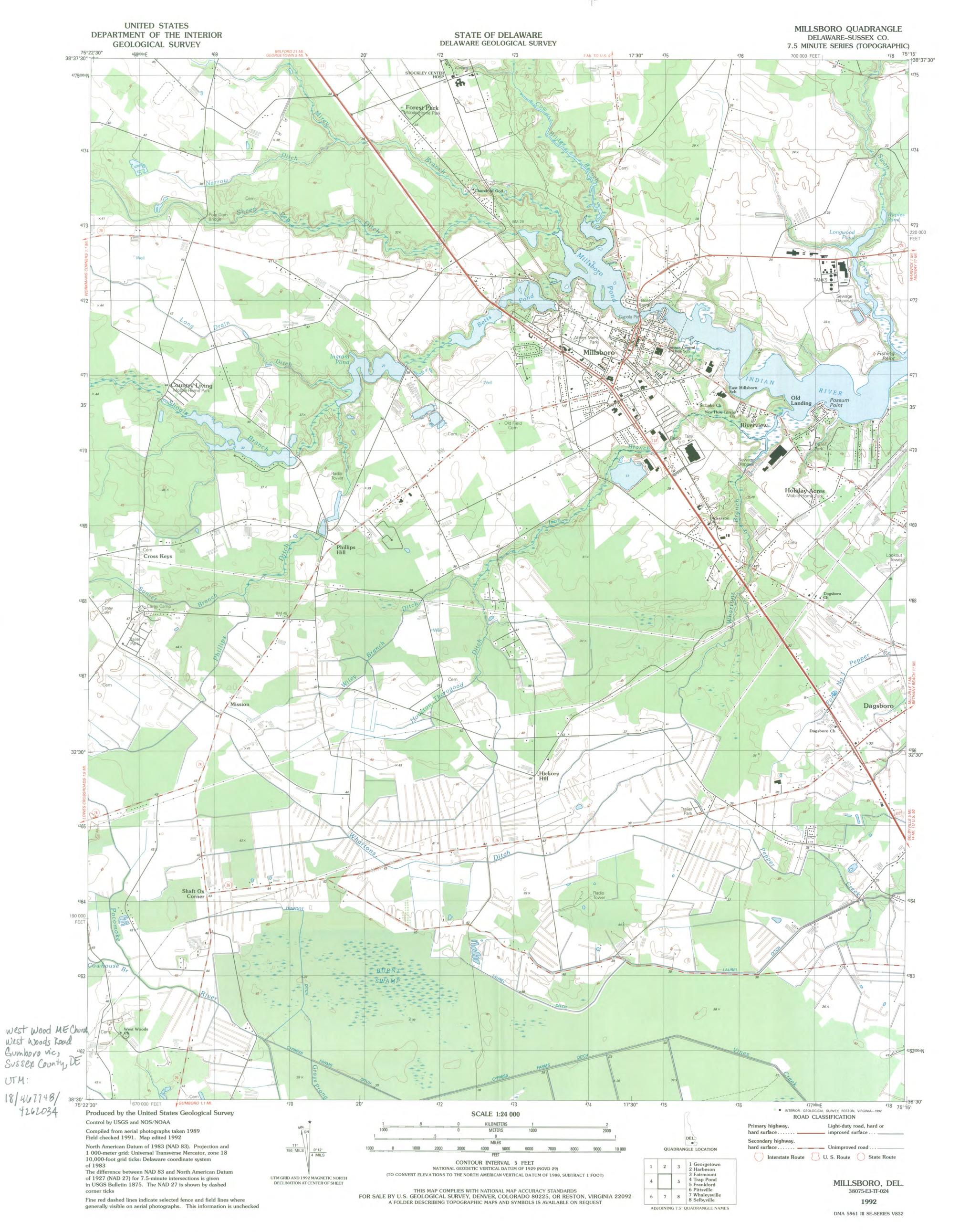
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Gumboro Vicinity, Sussex County, DE
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February 21, 2007

Dr. Janet Snyder Matthews, Keeper National Register of Historic Places National Park Service 2280 1201 "I" (Eye) Street, N.W. Washington D.C. 20005



Dear Dr. Matthews:

Enclosed please find the nomination for listing the West Woods Methodist Church in Sussex County, Delaware, in the National Register of Historic Places. If there are any questions regarding these documents, please contact Robin Bodo, National Register Coordinator for the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office at (302) 736-7411.

Sincerely,

Joan N. Larrivee

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures



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June 6, 2007

Patrick Andrus National Park Service 2280 National Register of Historic Places 1201 "I" (Eye) Street, N.W. Washington D.C. 20005



Dear Patrick,

Enclosed please find the National Register of Historic Places nomination for the West Woods Methodist Episcopal Church in Sussex County, Delaware. The changes requested in the National Register Evaluation/Return Sheet have been addressed. The photograph issue was of particular concern. The vendor assured us the prints met NPS specifications, which indeed they did not. I will recommend to the SHPO we purchase equipment to do the photo printing in-house to alleviate this problem.

Sincerely,

Robin Bodo Historian

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