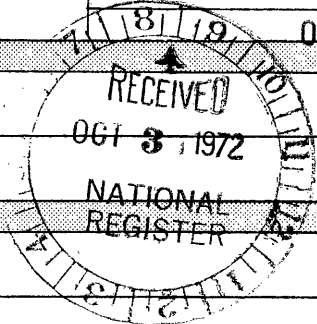


PH0021482

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: Kent	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	OCT 10 1972



1. NAME

COMMON:
Barratt's Chapel

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Barratt's Chapel

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
North U.S. 113

CITY OR TOWN:
Frederica, Md.

STATE: Delaware	CODE: 10	COUNTY: Kent	CODE: 001
--------------------	-------------	-----------------	--------------

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	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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:
Commission on Archives and History of Peninsula Annual Conference

STREET AND NUMBER:
Barratt's Chapel of the United Methodist Church, Inc.

CITY OR TOWN: Frederica	STATE: Delaware	CODE: 10
----------------------------	--------------------	-------------

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Kent County Court House, Recorder of Deeds Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
South State Street

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey, #Del-16

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington, D.C.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington, D.C.	STATE:	CODE:
-----------------------------------	--------	-------

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE:
COUNTY:
ENTRY NUMBER: OCT 10 1972
DATE:
FOR NPS USE ONLY

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Barratt's Chapel is a two-story brick meeting house with a west gable-end frontage.

The south wall, facing the cemetery, is laid in Flemish bond with a glazed header pattern. In the center of this wall is a double door, flanked by two windows. Three second-story windows light the gallery.

The west, or front, wall is laid in unglazed Flemish bond brick, with diaper patterns in glazed brick on the face of the attic story. Two belt courses appear on this facade; the lower one divides the first and second stories, and the upper one separates the second story from the attic. There are three doors in the first floor of this facade, and on the second story there are three windows. A window has been cut into the attic story, destroying a segment of the diapered brick design.

The north wall is laid in common bond, with three windows on each story. The east gable wall is covered with stucco. An off-center doorway in this wall provides access to the chancel.

Exterior shutters follow the Delaware tradition of solid shutters on the first floor, with louvered shutters above. The box cornices on the north and south facades are elaborately moulded, and return onto the gable end to create a seat to receive the bargeboard.

The interior is arranged as a traditional aisled hall. Square posts extend from the ground to the rafters, in two rows parallel to the north and south sidewalls. A three-sided gallery is hung from these posts and from the north, west, and south walls. A wooden floor and simple open bench pews, finished in rustic fashion, appear to date from the first quarter of the nineteenth century. Against the east

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

SIGNIFICANCE

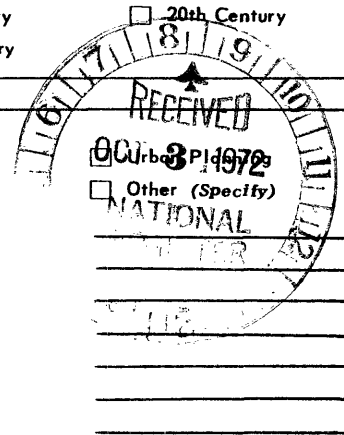
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
| <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 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

In the summer of 1780 Philip Barratt gave the Methodist Society a plot of land, near the Murderkill River in Kent County, Delaware. The two-story brick meeting house, named in honor of Barratt, was begun immediately.

Barratt's Chapel was the first church in Kent County that was built especially for Methodist worship, and one of the first two erected in Delaware.

For two generations, the interior remained in an unfinished condition, with only dirt floors and no heat; in spite of these primitive conditions, Barratt's Chapel was the best meeting house in America belonging to the Methodists as a house of worship. St. George's in Philadelphia was, at this time, serving as a barracks and stable for the British army.

Barratt's Chapel today is known as the "Cradle of American Methodism" because of its unique place in the development of the denomination. It was here that Dr. Thomas Coke and the Reverend Francis Asbury, later the first two Methodist bishops, met to make the preliminary arrangements for the formation of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America. Here the sacramental ordinances were first administered to Methodist communicants on American soil by

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Delaware. Philadelphia: L.J. Richards and Company, 1888.

Barratt, Norris S. Barratt's Chapel and Methodism. Wilmington: Historical Society of Delaware, 1911.

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							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	39°	01'	28"	75°	27'	34"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Ten

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Rev. Charles E. Covington, President

ORGANIZATION: Commission on Archives and History of Peninsula.... DATE: 8/23/72

STREET AND NUMBER:
36 Baltimore Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Rehoboth Beach STATE: Delaware 19971 CODE: 10

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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 E. Berkeley Tompkins
Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins

Title Director, Div. of Historical and Cultural Affairs

Date 9-22-72

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

Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 10/10/72

ATTEST:

William L. Hamley
Keeper of The National Register

Date 10-5-72

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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

(Continuation Sheet)

STATE Delaware	
COUNTY Kent	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
OCT 10	1972

(Number all entries)

7. DESCRIPTION (continued)---

wall is a high two-level pulpit, now enclosed with a balustrade but formerly panelled. Although the balustrade was installed around the middle of the nineteenth century, the bench behind the pulpit is said to be part of the original furnishings.



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Continuation Sheet)

STATE Delaware	
COUNTY Kent	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
OCT 10 1972	

(Number all entries)

8. SIGNIFICANCE (continued)---

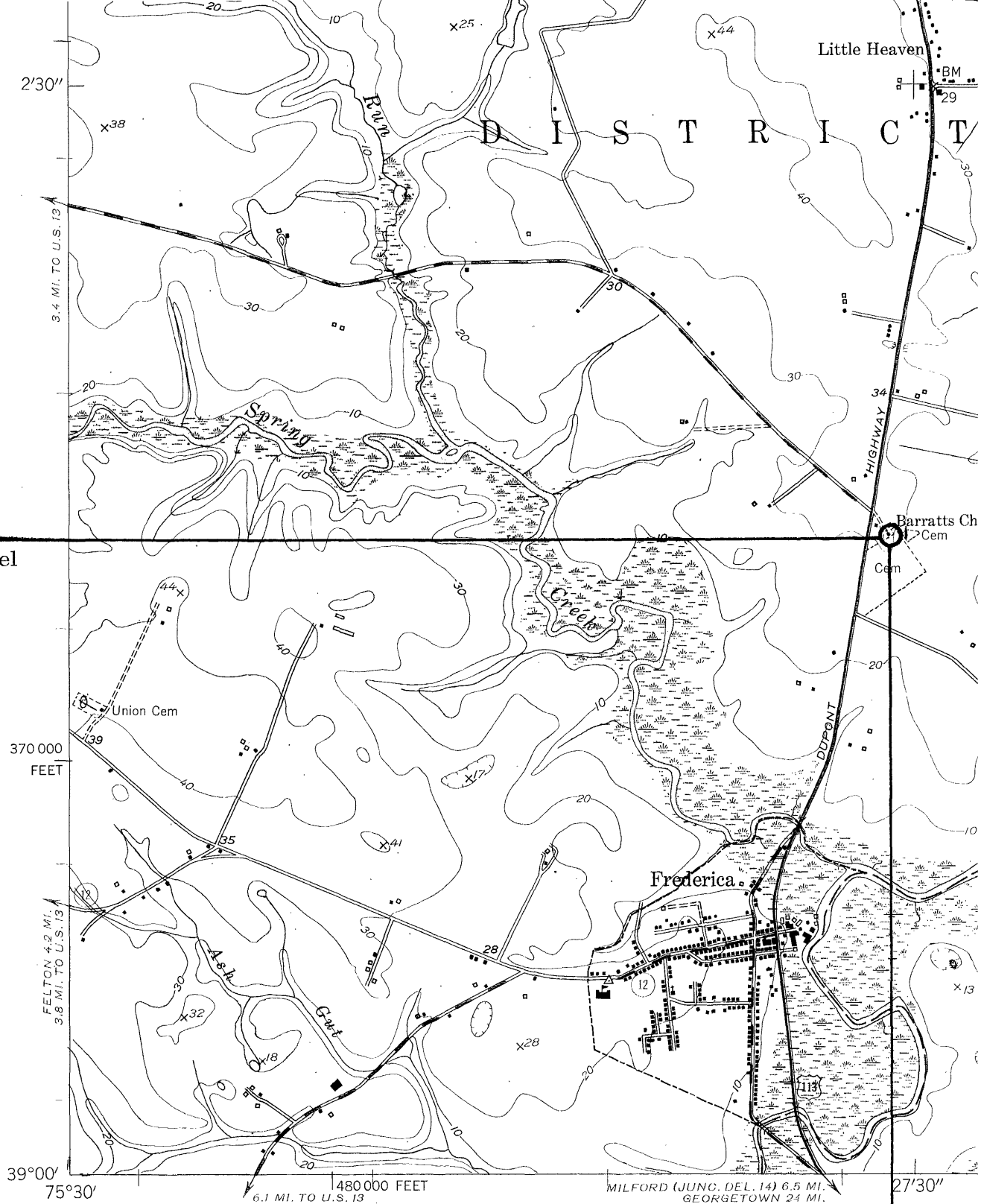
duly authorized Methodist ministers, Dr. Coke and the Reverend Richard Whatcoat.

According to Scharf's History of Delaware, "The edifice was forty-two by forty-eight feet, two stories high, and had a vestry room connected with it. There is a tradition that the brick of which it was built were imported from Holland, which is improbable, as the clay in the immediate vicinity is as good as any in the world for bricks and the art of making bricks was already well-known...The house was furnished with a pulpit and occupied as a place of worship...The old fashioned high pulpit which was ~~reached~~ by a flight of steps and which almost concealed the preacher from his congregation has been remodeled to suit modern ideas; but the seat or wooden bench, upon which Bishops Coke and Asbury, and other pioneers of the church, sat, is still preserved as a memento For the first sixty years of its existence the ground was the only flooring and the walls were left in an uncouth and primitive state."



39°01'28" Barratt's Chapel

(HARRINGTON)



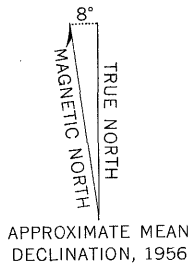
Mapped by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey
 Edited and published by the Geological Survey
 Control by USC&GS and USGS

Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs taken 1946. Topography by planetable surveys 1946. Revised by USGS 1956

Hydrography compiled from USC&GS chart 1218 (1955)

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grid based on Delaware coordinate system
 1,000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue

Unchecked elevations are shown in brown



75° 27' 34"