

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Monroe	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Zion Lutheran Church

AND/OR HISTORIC: Officially: "The Lutheran Church of Middle Smithfield, Inc. 1866"

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: R.D. #1, East Stroudsburg (On access road to the River Road)

CITY OR TOWN: Smithfield Township

STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42	COUNTY: Monroe	CODE: 089
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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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY: Part of Tocks Island Dam Project Area

OWNER'S NAME: Smithfield Lutheran Congregation

STREET AND NUMBER: R.D. #1, River Road, East Stroudsburg

CITY OR TOWN: Smithfield Township

STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Monroe County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Square

CITY OR TOWN: Stroudsburg

STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1967 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: Washington

STATE: D.C.	CODE: 11
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7. DESCRIPTION

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

The Zion Lutheran Church of Middle Smithfield is a small, one-story brick structure in modified Greek Revival Style. According to the datestone in the gable, the church was erected in 1851. Church records indicate that the cost of construction was \$1,603.04. The church's roof is of slate from the village of Slateford, Northampton County. The bricks used were made by members of the congregation and their quality is not especially good.

The church has three bays across the side with two ~~20~~ 20-over-20 sash windows flanking the door. Its dominant characteristic is its simplicity. There is one entrance at the gable end and no steeple. The interior is very plain--one rectangular room with a balcony and altar space and painted wooden pews. The building, whose back is raised to allow for a small basement, is set on a steep hill and affords an impressive view of the Delaware River.

The flooring, molded trim, and pews appear to be original. The small basement area under the chancel was probably excavated when the present pipeless furnace was installed. The building has been braced with through bolts at the floor line, above the ceiling, and through the gables. A small stove chimney in the center of the roof has been removed.

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2. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1851

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 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 Zion Lutheran Congregation of Middle Smithfield is more than a century older than the church building itself. Lutheran services were held in Smithfield between 1749 and 1754 by Catechist Rudolph Henry Schrenck. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, patriarch of the Lutheran Church in America, in one of his reports to the missionary society at the University of Halle (Germany) commented favorably on the work of Schrenck. Early church records are missing or fragmentary with the "old church book" beginning in 1798.

The hand-drawn and decorated title page of the first church record is remarkable among church documents. The working is in German and the sheet on which it appears, with the record and decoration, is known in the art world as fraktur.

The Zion Lutheran Church is significant as a well-preserved example of mid-nineteenth century rural church architecture and construction.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Primary and unpublished source: Church book known as the First Church Record, of the Smithfield Lutheran Congregation, with fraktur title page, begun in 1798.
2. Secondary, published sources: Centennial Booklet, "100th Anniversary of Zion Lutheran Church, Middle Smithfield, Pennsylvania"; 200th Anniversary of the Smithfield Lutheran Congregation, privately printed and distributed, June, 1951. Historic Structures Report, Part I, Architectural Data Section on Historic Buildings, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. Prepared by Norman M. Souder, Architect (con't.)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES								
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SE	0	'	"	0	'	"						
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.22

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission DATE: August, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

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

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

Name: Walter J. Stever
 Title: Exec. Dir. Pa. Hist. and Mus. Commission
 Date: 3/5/72

W. J. Stever
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST: _____
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

Property

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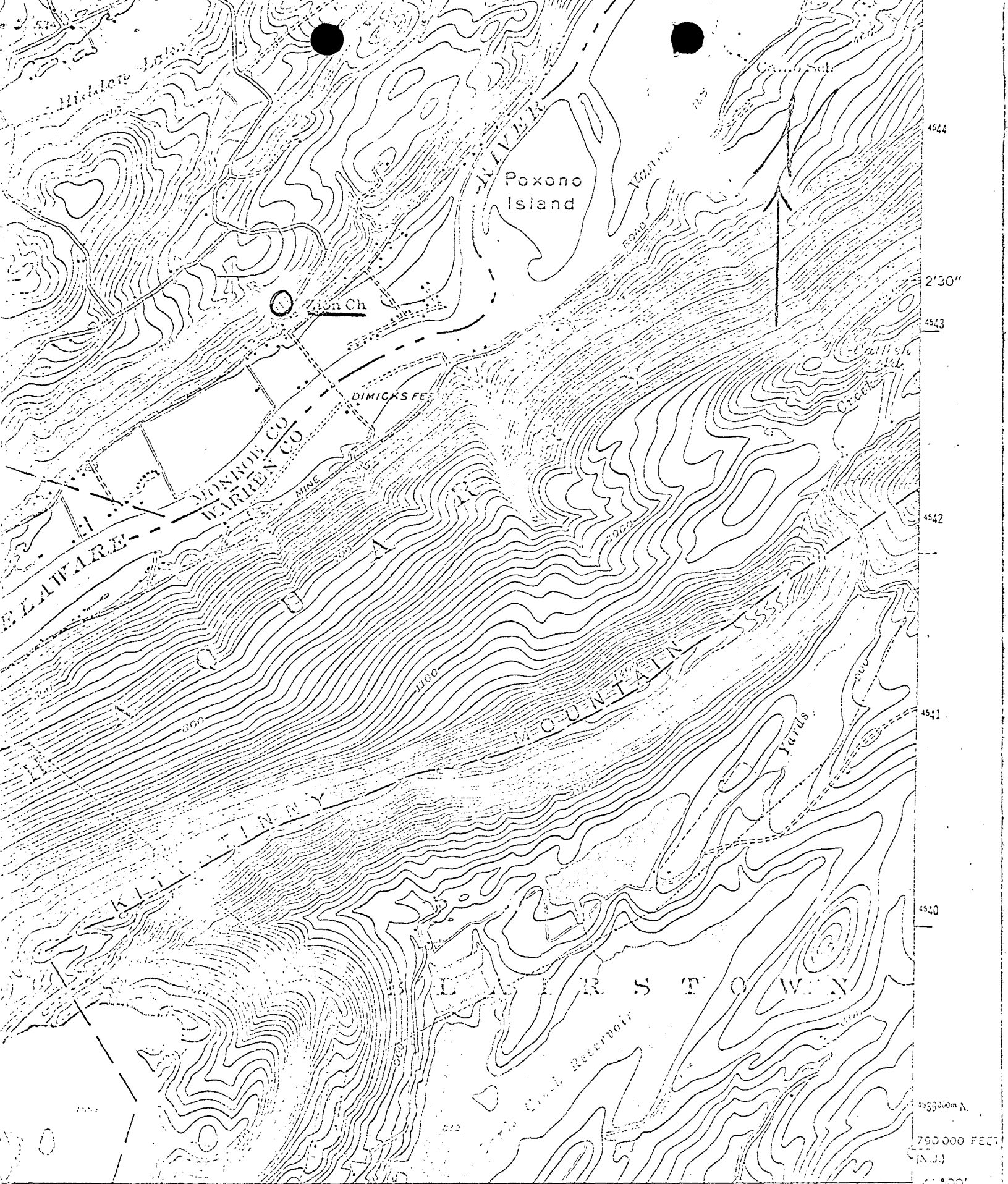
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9. Major Bibliographical References (continued)

July, 1967, for Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation,
Division of Historic Architecture, Branch of Restoration, Nation-
al Park Service, pp. 17-18, Bldg., No. 13.



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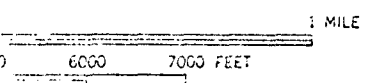
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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(BLAIR) ST. 6065 IV. 1911

Luskkill 7.5 Minute Quadrangle

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Latitude N 41° 02' 24"

Longitude W 75° 02' 19"