

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Dingman's Ferry Dutch Reformed Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

U.S. 209

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Dingman's Ferry

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Tenth, Pennsylvania

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Pike

CODE

103

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE | |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

United States Army Corps of Engineers

STREET & NUMBER

United States Customhouse, Second and Chestnut Streets

CITY, TOWN

Philadelphia

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Pike County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Milford

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Historic Structures Report, Part 1: Architectural Data Section on
Historic Buildings in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

DATE

1967

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Headquarters

CITY, TOWN

Bushkill

STATE

Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dingman's Ferry Dutch Reformed Church, located in the small village of Dingman's Ferry, Pennsylvania, is a white clapboard frame structure built in a simple Greek Revival design. The design was completed in 1837, but the church was not erected until 1850. The large gabled portico is supported by four heavy Doric columns. The tympanum is flush wide board siding. The cornices are appropriate for the period of the church, but rather thin for the mass of the building. The windows are large double-hung type, composed of 30/30 light sash. There are three windows on each side of the church, with one central window between two front entrance doors. Two casement windows have been inserted into the front wall, and two of the side windows have been extended into the cornice fascia. The portico and front steps are simple plank. To the rear, a shed addition has been installed. A granite datestone is set into the entablature of the portico. The roof is covered with heavy seam metal. There is an external brick chimney on one side. The church is currently used as a residence, and the interior has been completely stripped of its former detailing, with the exception of a small amount of trim.

The setting of the church contributes to its historical and architectural integrity. The building is located on a steep slope several hundred feet above the Delaware River. It is set on a sweeping curve in U.S. 209, across the road from the old Delaware Cemetery, wherein are buried members of many of the area's pioneer families, and certainly many prominent members of this congregation. Only the relatively heavy truck traffic on the highway, intrudes upon the integrity of the environment in which this church is the central element.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dingman's Ferry Dutch Reformed Church is significant as an architectural document which shows the interpretation of a cosmopolitan architectural idea -- the Greek Revival style -- and the tradition of rural simplicity in building technique which continued to prevail in the Upper Delaware Valley until at least the beginning of the 20th century. It also constitutes a significant line in the social and cultural history of the entire Minisink region.

When the original Dutch Reformed congregation was established in the Minisink in about 1737, it drew its membership from both sides of the Delaware River. The locations of the four churches which constituted the congregation reflected the distribution of population throughout the area. One was at Mackhakemack (Port Jervis), two were in New Jersey, and one in Pennsylvania in Middle Smithfield Township, at the southern end of the Minisink region. The few congregants who lived in the Dingmans area helped to support the one minister who rode the entire circuit, and attended services when and where they could.

By the end of the 18th century, population diffusion had proceeded to the point where the single congregation concept could be dispensed with and new churches located closer to their members. Dingmans Ferry adherents to the Dutch Reformed faith began preparing for their own building. From the 1830's on, Dingmans residents met in congregation at the Dingman Academy, across the road from the present church, and at other local buildings. By 1850, \$1,300 had been raised, and the members were able to proceed with their plans and construct the simple Greek Revival structure which still does credit to its much altered location today, although it now serves as a private residence.

The decline of the Dutch Reformed church from an originally dominant, and well-nigh exclusive position in the religious life of the Minisink region is an important chapter in the gradual anglicization of what once was a heavily Dutch ethnographic unit. This church, through its continued architectural integrity (on the outside), and its structural soundness, is uniquely suited to serve as an interpretive anchor for that chapter.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Souder, Norman M. Historic Structures Report, Part 1, Architectural Data Section on Historic Buildings. Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. 1967.
- Henn, William F. The Story of the River Road: Life Along The Delaware From Bushkill to Milford, Pike County, Pennsylvania, 1975 NP

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2

UTM REFERENCES

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| A | 1, 8 | 5, 1, 0 | 95, 0 | 4, 5 | 6, 3 | 5, 90 | B | | | | | | |
| | ZONE | EASTING | | NORTHING | | | ZONE | EASTING | | NORTHING | | | |
| C | | | | | | | D | | | | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See attached sheet.

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Wayne K. Bodle Park Technician

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service

DATE

4/22/77

STREET & NUMBER

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bushkill

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES NO

NONE

William F. Henn 3/15/78
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is ___ National ___ State ___ Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Verbal Description Sheet
(Dingman's Ferry Dutch Reformed
Church)

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The Dingmans Ferry Dutch Reformed Church is located on United States Army Corps of Engineers TIL Tract # 10564, which includes .52 acres. In this instance, the nominated property is coextensive with the tract. The boundary begins on the U.S. 209 right of way, approximately 2000' north of the midpoint of the intersection of U.S. 209 with LR-950 (Point A). From this point, the boundary extends east/southeast for approximately 200' (Point B) turns northerly and extends for approximately 300' (to Point C), then turns to the west and extends back to the U.S. 209 right of way (Point D). From this point, the boundary is completed by following U.S. 209 right of way southwardly for approximately 300' back to point A.

888 IV SW
(EDGEMERE)

UNITED STATES
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

74°52'30"
41°15'

PORT JERVIS, N.Y. 13 MI.
MILFORD 6.4 MI. 512000m E.

2 800 000 FEET (PA.)

50'

4566000m N.

4565

400 000 FEET
(PA.)

EAST STROUDSBURG 24 MI.
BUSHKILL 11 MI.

12'30"

4561

