

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

FOR NPS USE ONLY  
RECEIVED  
DATE ENTERED

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

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

AND/OR COMMON

**Brick Church**

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

**Sinking Valley on Old Water Street Road**

CITY, TOWN

**Culp**

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

**Pennsylvania**

VICINITY OF

CODE

**42**

COUNTY

**Blair**

**9th**

CODE

**013**

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

**The Congregation of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

STREET & NUMBER

**R. D. #1**

CITY, TOWN

**Tyrone**

VICINITY OF

STATE

**Pennsylvania**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

**Blair County Courthouse**

STREET & NUMBER

**423 Allegheny Street**

CITY, TOWN

**Holidaysburg**

STATE

**Pennsylvania**

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

**Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places**

DATE

**11/2/77**

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

**Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission**

CITY, TOWN

**Harrisburg**

STATE

**Pennsylvania**

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Basically rectangular in form this cross-gable, red brick church has steep gables and a steeple. The gable ends and top of the tower are covered with clapboard of various widths and shapes. Large many paned stained glass windows with semi-circular arches are located in the gable ends.

Two entrance porches with turned pillars and decorative panels flank a semi-circular classroom.

The lower portion of the square tower is brick with decorative shingles starting midway up the tower. A spire surrounded by four shingled turrets top the tower. Three louvered round arch windows are located between the turrets. Below these windows are curved balconies also covered with shingles.

The many styled shingles and clapboards as well as the brick lower levels and turned pillars suggest the influence of the Queen Anne style.

The interior is divided into a large sanctuary with a semi-circular pew arrangement and five classrooms. The basement level also contains classrooms.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

**PERIOD**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

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|---|--|---|---|--|
| <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"/> 100-1499             | <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

St. John's Evangelical Church of Sinking Valley is one of the oldest congregations in Blair County. The first church was a log structure with galleries on three sides built in 1804. This log church is still standing. In 1840 a brick building on the present site was constructed.

The present brick church was built in 1892 at a cost of \$10,000. This fine brick building shows the influence of the Queen Anne style in its varied decorative clapboard and shingles.

*include?*

*correct*

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Africa, J. Simpson. History of Huntingdon and Blair Counties, Pennsylvania 1883, p. 236

Blair County's First Hundred Years. Blair County Historical Society. 1946, p. 207

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .5

QUADRANGLE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

QUADRANGLE SCALE \_\_\_\_\_

UTM REFERENCES

A 17 732680 4497140

B           
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C         

D         

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Reverend William George Rappold

ORGANIZATION

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Box 261, R. D. #3

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Altoona

STATE

Pennsylvania

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE **WILLIAM J. WEWER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission**

DATE

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

DATE

ATTEST: **KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER**

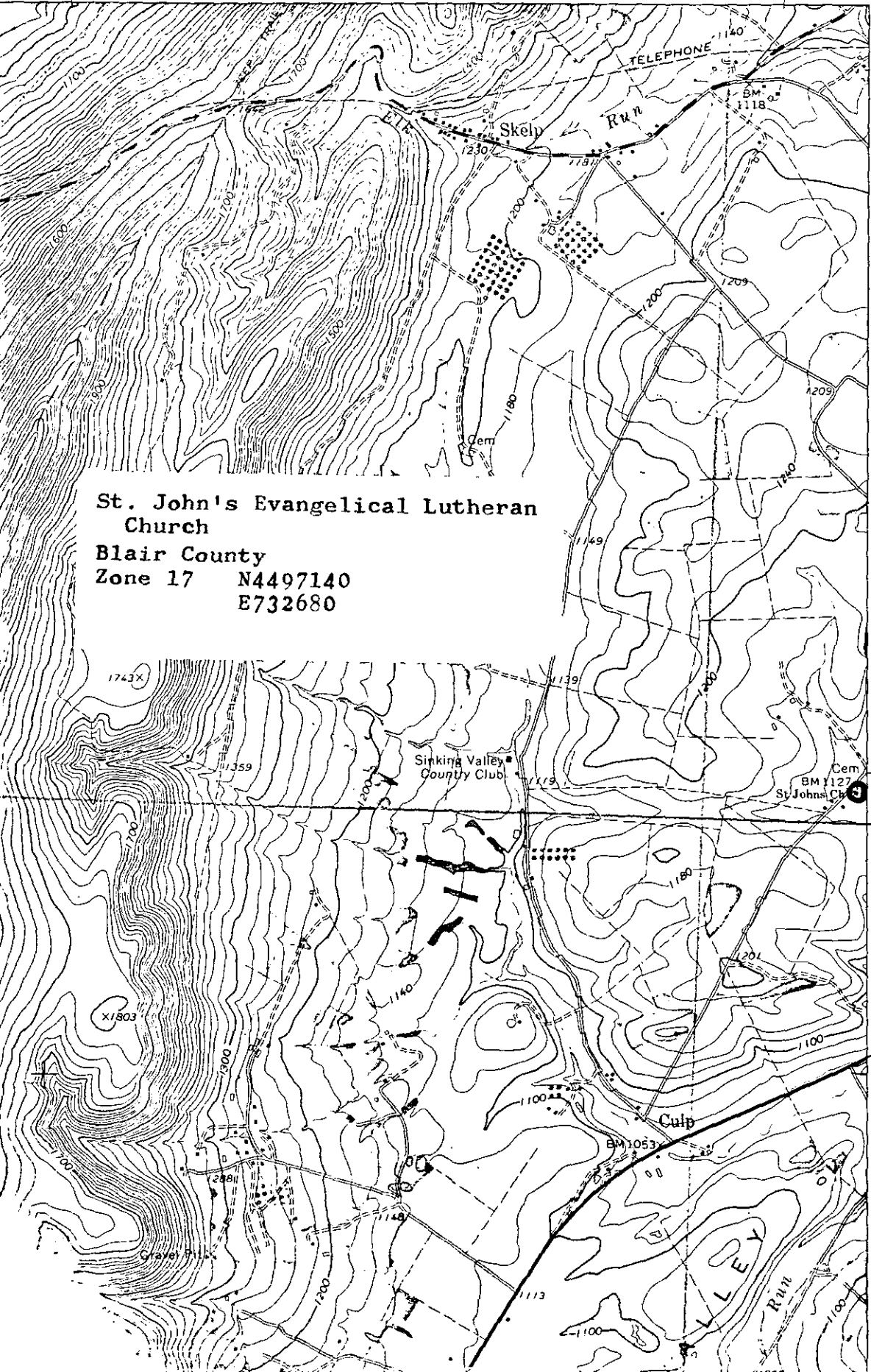
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**CHEF OF REGISTRATION**

BELLWOOD QUADRANGLE  
PENNSYLVANIA—BLAIR CO.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SE/4 ALTOONA 15' QUADRANGLE

5365 11 NW  
(TYRONE)

17°30' 730 731 1 860 000 FEET 78°15' 40°37'30"



470 000  
FEET

4500

4499

4498

4497

35'

4495

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran  
Church  
Blair County  
Zone 17 N4497140  
E732680

Sinking Valley  
County Club

Cem  
BM 1127  
St. John's Ch

Culp  
BM 1053

ARCH SPRING 3.2 MI.