

SUMMARY OF NOMINATION INFORMATION IN ONJH FILES

NAME St. Stephen's Church  
 COUNTY Essex  
 MUNICIPALITY Newark City

TYPE:  
 Individual X  
 Historic District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Multiple Property \_\_\_\_\_  
 Documentation Form \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATION FORM

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- Nomination form (If there are continuation sheets, please indicate number) ✓
- First page (#1-6) ✓ CS: \_\_\_\_\_
- Description (#7) ✓ CS: \_\_\_\_\_
- Significance (#8) ✓ CS: i
- Last page (#9-11) ✓ CS: \_\_\_\_\_
- SHPO Signatures \_\_\_\_\_
- USGS Map ✓
- Site plan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tax map ✓
- Floorplan \_\_\_\_\_
- Photo index map \_\_\_\_\_
- Other maps \_\_\_\_\_
- Photographs (Indicate number) ✓
- Exterior 4 (plus 3 photos)
- Interior 4
- Streetscapes \_\_\_\_\_
- Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_
- Historical \_\_\_\_\_
- Negatives \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Sheet \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF LISTING

State Register \_\_\_\_\_  
 National Register 10/5/72

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

N.J.H.S.I. # \_\_\_\_\_ Draft Nomination \_\_\_\_\_  
 Newspaper/Magazine Articles \_\_\_\_\_ Correspondence ✓  
 HABS \_\_\_\_\_ Contextual Data \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

STAFF MEMBER Beth Goldstein DATE 7/1/77  
 UPDATES: STAFF \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 STAFF \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NEW JERSEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER FILE REORGANIZATION - 1980-1981  
Summary Sheet

NAME St. Stephen's Church

MUNICIPALITY Newark COUNTY Essex Co.

Nomination Form:

Final Nomination Form  Signed  Unsigned

U.S.G.S. Map  Photocopy

Other Maps Tax Map

Plan(s): Site  Floor

Photographs:

	<u>Identified</u>	<u>Unidentified</u>	<u>Inadequate Coverage</u>
Exterior	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interior	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Streetscapes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outbuildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Negatives:

Same as prints  Less than prints  Additional Negatives

Slides: interior & exterior shots - adequate

Boundaries:

No precise boundaries  Defined in nomination   
Defined by map  Latitude & longitude   
U.T.M.'s  Boundary justification

National Register notification of listing to SHPO:

Copies of final approved nomination:

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

SHPO Notification Letters:

Intent to nominate  National Register  State Register   
Owner list

Supplemental Information:

N.J.H.S.I.  Draft nomination   
Newspaper/Magazine articles  Recent correspondence   
Local ordinance data  Maps  HABS   
Other

Materials in Storage:

Public Meeting notification  Draft nomination   
Newspaper articles  Correspondence   
Historical information  Other

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Essex	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
St. Stephen's Church (United Church of Christ)

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
St. Stephen's Evangelical and Reformed Church (German)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Ferry Street and Wilson Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Newark

STATE: New Jersey      CODE: 34      COUNTY: Essex      CODE: 013

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input 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
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 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:  
St. Stephen's Church (United Church of Christ)

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Ferry Street and Wilson Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Newark

STATE:  
New Jersey

CODE:  
34

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Essex County Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:  
High Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Newark

STATE:  
New Jersey

CODE:  
34

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
NT45I

DATE OF SURVEY:  
2/26/71

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
 Federal     State     County     Local

STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN:  
STATE:  
CODE:

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7. Description

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE						
<p>The church is in good condition, interior and exterior. Its red-brick exterior is trimmed with white wood casings and topped by a white steeple, which in symmetrical plan and detailing is suggestive of Georgian colonial meetinghouse churches, but the exterior belongs more literally, perhaps, to the mid-19th century Romanesque Revival. A beautiful rose window occupies the upper central portion of the facade; by day the white wood tracery prevails, at night its lighted rich-colored stained glass dominates. Unfortunately, the rose window was not meant to be seen from the interior, as the area near it in the balcony choir loft is unfinished and behind the pipe organ.</p> <p>The original apse was semi-circular, but has been added onto on the rear. It was once, however, a 2-level apse, with the upper level covering the whole apse and containing the pulpit to which the pastor ascended for the sermon. This was changed, however, to even more unique treatment many years ago when the "German beer baron" Hensler, a member whose brewery stood nearby until c. 1960, donated imported German wood carved reredos, with a pulpit contained within it. The area under the headboard, occupied by the pastor during the sermon, is occupied by a rotating statue during the rest of the service. This merry-go-round alternation of pastor and statue is reminiscent of Bavarian or Swiss artifacts such as the rotating bell ringers of the Town Hall Clock Tower of Munich. The wood carving is all in elaborate Gothic. This most unique merry-go-round pulpit is reached by ascending steps to the side-rear. A fold-out lectern completes the pulpit.</p> <p>The rear balcony choir is large and protrudes forward from around the organ in the shape of a portion of an octagon which echoes the pulpit at the opposite end.</p>						

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8. Significance

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) built 1874

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AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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

St. Stephen's has many valid claims to distinction:

On April 19, 1874 Mr. G. Stahlin, the architect, presented his plans for the erection of the church edifice. The cost of the building was estimated at \$17,000. Ground was broken on Tuesday morning May 26, 1874 and the cornerstone was laid June 21, 1874.

This is an exceptionally quaint anchor feature at the head of an extended street vista, dominating, by its artistry rather than its size, the principal business street of the old-worldish Ironbound Section of Newark.

It has an interesting history as the most strategically situated German Protestant church in this polyglot area of the city, which history is not fully reported here. The church organization is an offshoot of another German Church - Wolff Memorial.

In addition to its many endearing and quaint architectural features, the visual and symbolic relationship to its neighborhood make it a must for retention, lest there be a gaping void at this key but vulnerable location for an old church - at the fork of two main streets.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

St. Stephan's Church 1874-1949 "The 75th Anniversary Souvenir" , a copy in Newark Public Library, Newark, New Jersey

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	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Donald W. Geyer, Licensed professional planner & architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 6/8/71

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 351 Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN: Newark STATE New Jersey CODE 31

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Richard J. Sullivan

Title Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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(Continuation Sheet) (1)

STATE New Jersey	
COUNTY Essex	
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(Number all entries)

St. Stephan's Church (United Church of Christ)  
New Jersey Code: 24  
Essex Co. Code: 013

Congressional Representation

Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Congressman (10th District)  
Clifford P. Case, U. S. Senator  
Harrison A. Williams, U. S. Senator

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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CITY OR TOWN:  
Newark

STATE: New Jersey	CODE 311	COUNTY: Essex	CODE 013
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Donald M. Geyer

DATE OF PHOTO: 1971

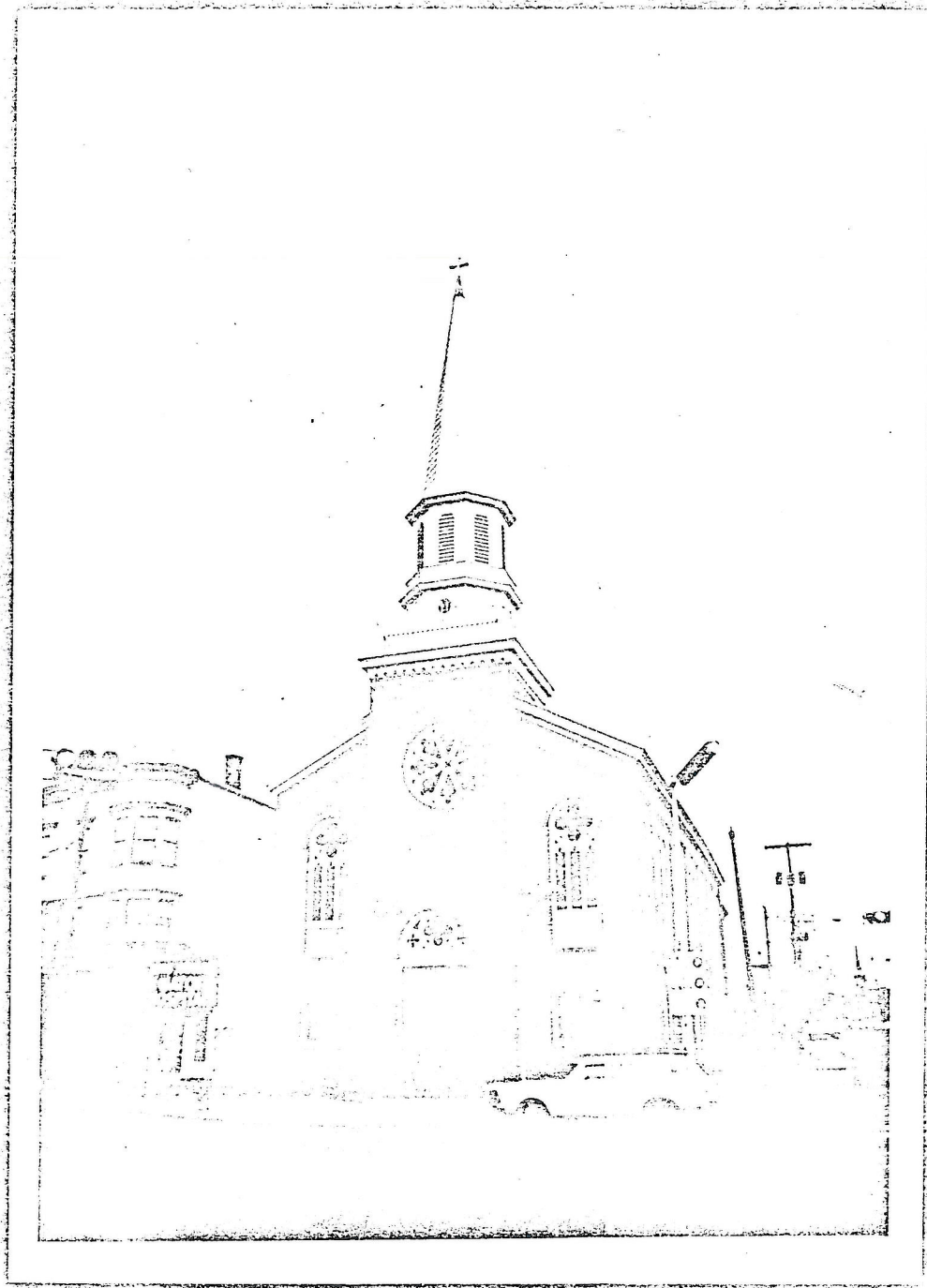
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351 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey with Donald M. Geyer

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Front, from west, on Ferry Street featuring the arched entrance,  
tower, spire and windows including central rose window.





Form 10-301  
(Dec. 1968)

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

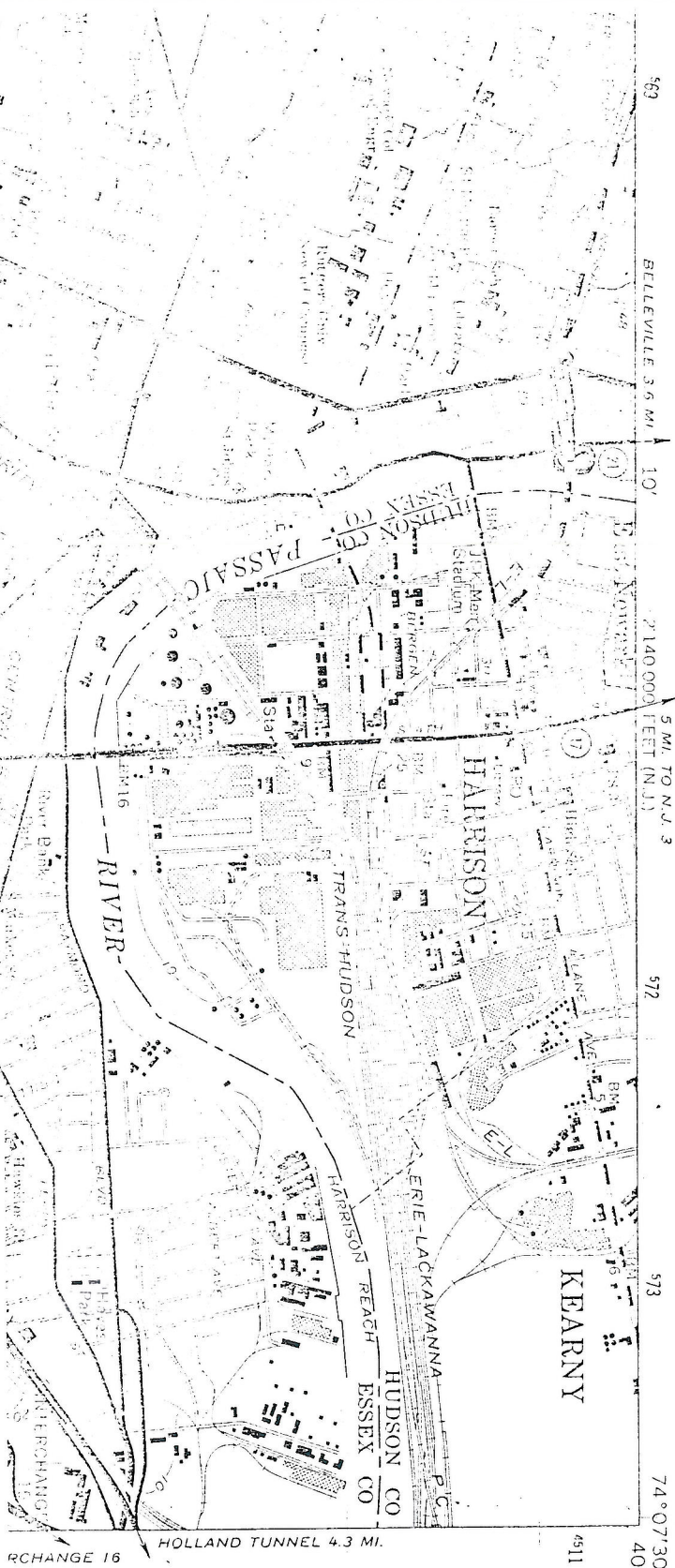
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CITY OR TOWN: Newark			
STATE: New Jersey	CODE 31	COUNTY: Essex	CODE 013
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE: Elizabeth Quadrangle, New Jersey-New York, 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic), U.S. Geological Survey			
SCALE: 1:21,000			
DATE: 1967			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

ELIZABETH QUADRANGLE  
NEW JERSEY - NEW YORK  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

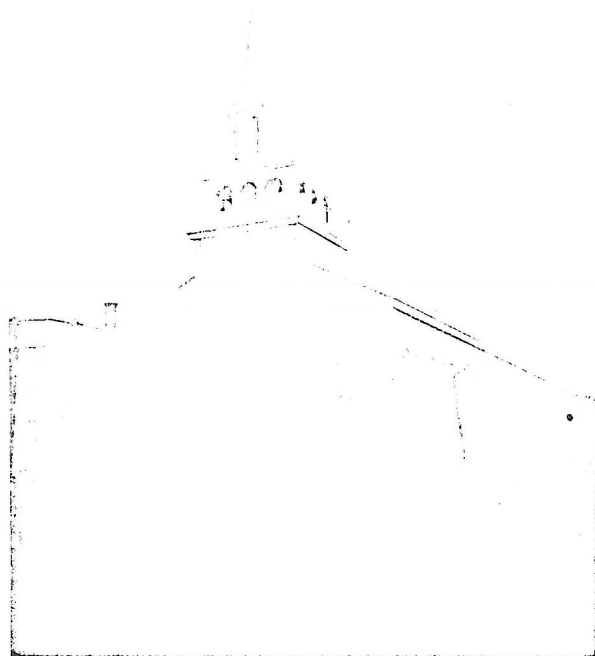
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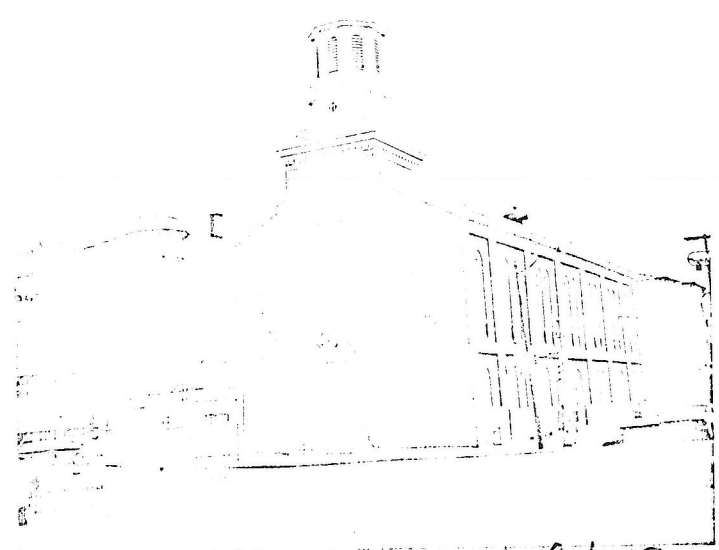
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Longitude: 74° 09' 20" W

Bills  
Yard

4908



picture-1950, pre-removal of belfry



picture-1966(?) after removal of belfry

ST. STEPHAN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
(ST. STEPHEN'S EVANGELICAL & REFORMED CHURCH)  
(German speaking origin)

PH478 1874

Ferry St. & Wilson Ave.

Red brick;  
White wood trim and  
steeple

Height, spire: 70'

Style: 19th Century adaptation of Romanesque, however red brick bldg.  
with white center belfry and steeple give a decided suggestion  
of Georgian-Colonial.

Keeping this picturesque church with its superb Ferry St. Vista  
is an absolute must - no finer neighborhood church vista in Newark

Vulnerable site needs firm protection to save invaluable community asset  
in the excellent and aesthetic composition of this church and store-lined  
Ferry St. Vista.  
Triple arched arcade around steeple (debatably) removed - 1960's &  
replaced by Georgian-Colonial railing (balustrade).

Architect: