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Mrs. Young
United Evangelical Church
3200 Dillon Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21224

Dear Mrs. Young,

Enclosed, as you requested, are copies of various listings from Baltimore city directories showing the church name as Zion up until about the time of World War I. Also enclosed are typed copies of two newspaper articles of 1885 which provide information about the burning of the school and its rebuilding.

I suggest that you place these sheets in the church's files so that this information will be available for future use in connection with the history of the church.

I hope that the question about the missing death records belonging to the church can eventually be resolved. These records may contain information that would be very helpful to me as well as to others looking for information about their ancestors.

Sincerely,

William Hollifield

Zion German United Evangelical Church, Canton

Baltimore City Directories:

- 1876 - Zion Church (Ger. Luth.) Fourth and Dillon
Zion School, W. Schillip, principal, Fourth and Dillon
- 1879 - Zion Church (Germ. Luth.) Fourth and Dillon
Zion School, J.H. Kunker, principal, East av nr Dillon
- 1885 - Zion Luth Church, East av, c Dillon, Rev Andrew Schwartz, pastor
- 1895 - Zion United (Ev Ger) Ch, East av nr Dillon
- 1900 - Zion United (Evan Ger) Ch, East av c Dillon
- 1905 - Zion United (Evang Luth) Ch, East av c Dillon ext
- 1910 - Zion (Deutsche Evan Luth) Ch, s East av c Dillon
- 1915 - Zion (Deutsche Evan Luth) Ch s East av c Dillon
- 1917 - German United (Evang) Ch East av c Hudson [sic]
- 1920 - German United (Evan) Ch, East av c Dillon
- 1926 - German United Evangelical Ch East av c Dillon
- 1930 - German United Evangelical Church Rev Frank W Schaefer pastor 923 s East av

Church at Canton Dedicated.--On Sunday last, 20th inst., the new building attached to the church at Canton of the Zion Lutheran congregation, Rev. Dr. Andrew Schwartz, Pastor, was dedicated with appropriate religious services. The ceremony of the occasion was very simple, and consisted in singing by the church choir and the little girls, and a prayer by Dr. Schwartz. In the church adjoining Rev. F.A. Conradi, of the First German United Evangelical, read the scripture, and Rev. E. Huber delivered an address, in which he spoke of education and its importance. Other ministers present were Revs. E. Hartman, pastor-elect of Trinity Lutheran Church, and C.A. Schloegel, of St. Peter's German Lutheran. The new building is of brick, 32 by 75 feet, and two stories in height. On the first floor are two class-rooms, separated by sliding partitions. On the second floor is a large hall. The cost of the building is \$4,500. The former building was destroyed by fire on the 20th of March, and the 19th of April the corner-stone of the new building was laid.--There are 100 pupils on the roll of the school.

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September 26, 1885

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County School House Burnt.--On Friday, 20th inst., the German-English school house, corner of East Avenue and Dillon street, Canton, Baltimore county, caught fire from a defective flue, and was completely destroyed. The school house was a one-story brick structure, adjoining the German Evangelical Zion Church. There were about 140 scholars in the school. The first indication of the fire was when a piece of the ceiling fell and smoke followed. The scholars were all hurried out of the building and none were injured. Miss McCormick, the Assistant, showed great presence of mind. An alarm was turned in for the County Fire Department, and the engines Nos. 5, 7, 8, and Truck No. 7, soon arrived, but were unable to save the building. The desks and other school furniture were saved. The church caught fire from the sparks, but the building did not suffer much damage. The loss of the school house is estimated to be \$1,500, and it is insured in the Associated Fireman's Insurance Company for \$1,000.

Some person with a private key "pulled" one of the boxes connected with the City Department. Three engines responded, stopped two squares short of the fire, when Chief Engineer Hennick sent them back to their [fire]houses. The engines could have stood upon city soil and materially assisted at the fire, but the Chief Engineer, under the orders of the Department, no doubt thought it a first-class opportunity to teach the recalcitrant people of the Belt a lesson. It was a most noble act!

-Maryland Journal, Towson
March 28, 1885