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Seventy-fifth Anniversary

of the

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Diamond Jubilee

The First German United Evangelical Church

of

Baltimore, Md.

DECEMBER 5-8,

1926



An Appreciation

*"It is a good thing to give thanks unto Jehovah,
and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High."*

—Psalm 92:1.

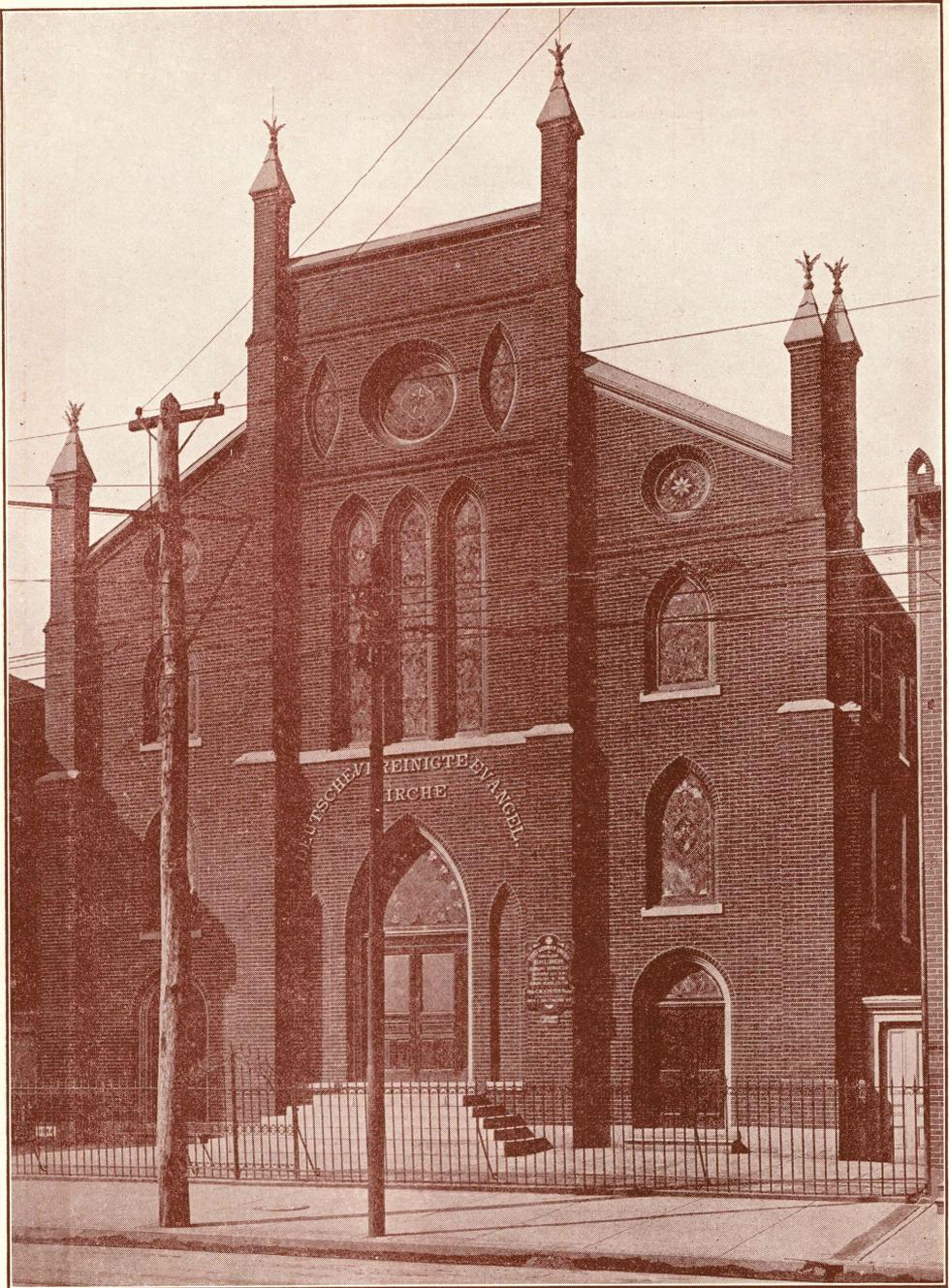
ITH these words of the Psalmist we would celebrate the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of our beloved First German United Evangelical Church. Gratitude should fill our hearts as we review the years of labor and love since the beginning. Not our efforts and gifts should occupy the first place, but God's grace and tender mercy. We that labor today and they that toiled in the beginning are but instruments in the hand of God to further the building of His Kingdom.

As we celebrate and review let us remember the founders and early laborers of our church. Their faithful, tireless efforts were not in vain, for today we behold and enjoy the labors of their hands and hearts. Next to God, to them we owe our church and all it means and offers unto us. Their labor is ended. They have gone to their reward. Let us honor their memory.

To us now remains the task and privilege of continuing this wonderful work of bringing God's Love, Light and Life to our community, to our city, and to the world. Let us be true to our heritage. Faithful to our present opportunities, and hopeful of the future possibilities. God is calling for our best for Him and for humanity. "Let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Faithfully,

CARL C. MOLLENHAUER,
Pastor



The First German United Evangelical Church

Eastern Ave., Between Broadway & Ann St.

The stone steps were presented to our church by President James Buchanan
in the year 1858.

Kurzer Überblick der Geschichte unserer Kirche



Im Jahre 1849 wurde von mehreren deutschen Männern beschlossen, eine neue Kirchen-Gemeinde zu bilden, und zwar eine Vereinigte Evangelische Gemeinde, welche zur damaligen Zeit in Baltimore sehr notwendig war.

Die „Erste Deutsche Vereinigte Evangelische Gemeinde“ nahm ihren Anfang am 1. Dezember 1849 in der Eastern Halle, Ecke Broadway und Eastern Avenue, und zwar unter solchen Bedingungen, daß die Gemeinde auf immer nichts zu schaffen hat mit der Synode und die Synode nichts mit der Gemeinde oder Kirche; ebenfalls der Prediger ist unabhängig von der Gemeinde. Auf diesem Gesetze wurde die Gemeinde am 1. September 1850 eingetragen.

Der erste Pastor war der ehrwürdige Rev. J. F. Feisel. Der erste Kirchenrat bestand aus den Herren Philip Weber, Präsident, G. Ph. Orth, Sekretär, Heinrich Pohl, Schatzmeister, J. Franz, Adam Weber, Peter Herold, Friedrich Wiedekind, C. C. Jahn, Johann Hugel, Johann Schwartz, Jakob Jacobi und Johann Dietz.

Am 4. Januar 1850, in einer Extra-Gemeindeversammlung, wurde beschlossen, einen Gottesacker zu kaufen. Infolge dessen, am 2. Februar 1850, wurden 2 Acker Land für \$240 gekauft von einem Manne, namens „Money“, an der Philadelphia Road, der süd-östlichen Seite von Canton.

Pastor Feisel diente der Gemeinde nur acht oder neun Monate.

Pastor Andreas Schwartz war seinerzeit Seelsorger der Broadway Bischöflichen Methodisten Kirche, Broadway nahe Eastern Avenue. Uneinigkeit halber verließ er jene Kirche und, einem Rufe unserer Gemeinde am 20. Oktober 1850 folgend, hielt am darauf folgenden Sonntag Morgen seine erste Predigt von unserer Kanzel. Zu gleicher Zeit mit ihrem Pastor siedelten sechsunddreißig Familien jener Kirche zu unserer Gemeinde über.

Die Neigung, eine Kirche zu bauen, nahm jeden Tag zu, bis daß der Pastor Schwartz in einer Extra-Gemeindeversammlung am 3. Dezember 1850 einen Bauplan einreichte, welcher später angenommen wurde. Dieser Plan war von einem Schreiner namens Robinson verfaßt, und derselbe erbot sich, für \$6000 eine fertige Kirche, samt Umzäunungen und Fußwegen, zu bauen. Da ein Teil unseres Kirchenprotokolls aus jener Zeit verloren gegangen ist, kann der Tag der Grundsteinlegung nicht genau angegeben werden, jedoch war es im Anfang Dezember 1851, und die Kirche wurde bald darauf gebaut. Von Zeit zu Zeit wurde unser Gottes-Haus verbessert und bildet heute den Stolz unserer Herzen.

Die Stadt Highlandtown nahm so schnell zu, daß es nicht möglich war, weiteres Land für Kirchhofszwecke zu erwerben, und deshalb wurden 6 Acker Land am Mt. Carmel Weg für \$3000 grundzinsfrei gekauft. Der Besitztitel des Grundstücks wurde am 5. März 1877 der Kirche übertragen.

Unser erstes Pfarrhaus, 1737 Ost Baltimore Straße, wurde am 20 Febr. 1903 für \$4000 von Herrn Johann Roß grundzinsfrei gekauft. Im Anfang des Jahres 1906 wurde dieses Haus verkauft und die jetzige Pfarr-Wohnung gekauft und bewohnt.

Frau Walburger Barbara Plitt vermachte am 10. April 1925 unserer Gemeinde einen in der Nähe unseres Kirchhofs belegenen Acker Land, welches den Namen „Plitt Memorial Sektion“ führt.

Brief History of the Church



THE FIRST GERMAN UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH of Baltimore, Md., was organized as is shown by its first entry in the minute book, as follows:—

In the year 1849, it was decided, by a number of German men, to organize a new Congregation, and that a United Evangelical Church, which at this time seemed very necessary in Baltimore.

The First German United Evangelical Church took its beginning on December 1, 1849, in the Eastern Hall, corner of Broadway and Eastern Ave. and under these conditions that the congregation shall always be free of all Synodical connection, and the Pastor shall be independent of the congregation, and on this basis it was incorporated by the State Legislature on Sept. 1, 1850.

The first pastor was Rev. J. F. Feisel. The first Board of Trustees consisted of the Messrs. Philip Weber, President; G. Ph. Orth, Secretary; Henry Pohl, Treasurer; J. Franz, Adam Weber, Peter Herold, Frederick Wiedekind, C. C. John, John Hugel, John Schwartz, Jacob Jacobi and John Dietz.

On the 4th of January 1850, at a special meeting of the Congregation, it was resolved to buy a cemetery. This resolution was carried out and on the 2nd of February 1850, when two acres of land were bought from a man named "Money" for \$240, located at the Philadelphia Road, on the South East side of Canton Lane.

Rev. Feisel served the congregation as pastor less than a year. Rev. Andreas Schwartz meanwhile was the pastor of the Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church, Broadway near Eastern Ave. On account of some trouble in this church Rev. Schwartz resigned and accepted a call to our church on October 20, 1850 and took charge of the congregation the following Sunday, together with thirty-six families of the Broadway German M. E. Church.

The sentiment to build a church gradually grew until, on December 3, 1850, Pastor Schwartz submitted to a special congregational meeting plans for a church building, prepared by a carpenter named Robinson, who offered to build a church ready for use, according to the plan for \$6000, with fences and pavement. These plans were finally accepted and the Corner Stone laid. Just when the Corner Stone was placed cannot be ascertained, as a large part of the protocol is lost; but it was sometime in the early winter, and in 1851 as the Corner Stone itself bears that date. Speedily the building was erected and occupied and repaired and improved from time to time and is now the pride of our hearts.

The growth of Highlandtown made it impossible to buy additional land for cemetery purposes adjoining our cemetery; so six acres of land were bought from the Kimberly estate, for the sum of \$3000 in fee on O'Donnell Street extended. The deed for the same bears date, March 5th, 1877.

Our first parsonage at 1737 E. Baltimore St. was bought on February 20th, 1903 from Mr. John Ross for \$4000 in fee. This house was sold and the present parsonage, at 1824 E. Baltimore St., bought early in 1906 and occupied since September of that year.

On April 10, 1923 Mrs. Walburger Barbara Plitt presented the congregation one acre of land in the rear of the church cemetery, which is known as the "Plitt Memorial".

Sonntag Morgen, den 5. Dezember, 10,30 Uhr.

Praeludium

Eingangsspruch

Gemeinde-Gesang

1. O daß ich tausend Zungen hätte
Und einen tausendfachen Mund,
So stimmt' ich damit um die Wette
Vom allertiefsten Herzensgrund
Ein Loblied nach dem andern an,
Von dem, was Gott an mir getan.

2. O daß doch meine Stimme schallte
Bis dahin, wo die Sonne steht!
O daß mein Blut mit Jauchzen wallte,
So lang' es noch im Laufe geht!
Ach, wär' ein jeder Puls ein Dank,
Und jeder Odem ein Gesang!

3. Was schweigt ihr denn, ihr meine
Auf auf, braucht euren Fleiß, [Kräfte?
Und stehet munter im Geschäfte
Zu Gottes, meines Herren Preis!
Mein Leib und Seele schicke dich
Und lobe Gott herzlich!

4. Ach, nimm das arme Lob auf Erden,
Mein Gott, in allen Gnaden hin;
Im Himmel soll es besser werden,
Wenn ich bei deinen Engeln bin;
Da sing' ich dir im höhern Chor
Viel tausend Hallelujah vor!

Trumpet-Solo

Hr. John H. Horst

Gebet

Schriftabschnitt

Anthem

Gemeinde-Gesang

1. Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren;
Lob' ihn, o Seele, vereint mit den himmlischen Chören.
Kommet zu Hauf! Psalter und Harfe wachet auf!
Lasset den Lobgesang hören.

2. Lobe den Herren, der alles so herrlich regieret,
Der dich auf Adlers Fittigen sicher geführet,
Der dich erhält, wie es dir selber gefällt;
Hast du nicht dieses verspüret?

3. Lobe den Herren, was in mir ist, lobe den Namen;
Alles, was Odem hat, lobe mit Abrahams Samen!
Er ist dein Licht; Seele, vergiß es ja nicht;
Lob' ihn in Ewigkeit! Amen.

Predigt

„Halte, was du hast“, (Hebr. 10, 19-29).
Pastor John Schauer, Baltimore, Md.

Quett

Fr. Margaret Vollrath, Fr. Margaret Zander

Erhebung des Festopfers

Bekanntmachungen

Anvil Glee Club

Gemeinde-Gesang

1. Fahre fort, fahre fort,
Zion, fahre fort im Licht!
Mache deinen Leuchter helle,
Laß die erste Liebe nicht,
Suche stets die Lebensquelle!
Zion, dringe durch die enge Pfort',
Fahre fort, fahre fort!

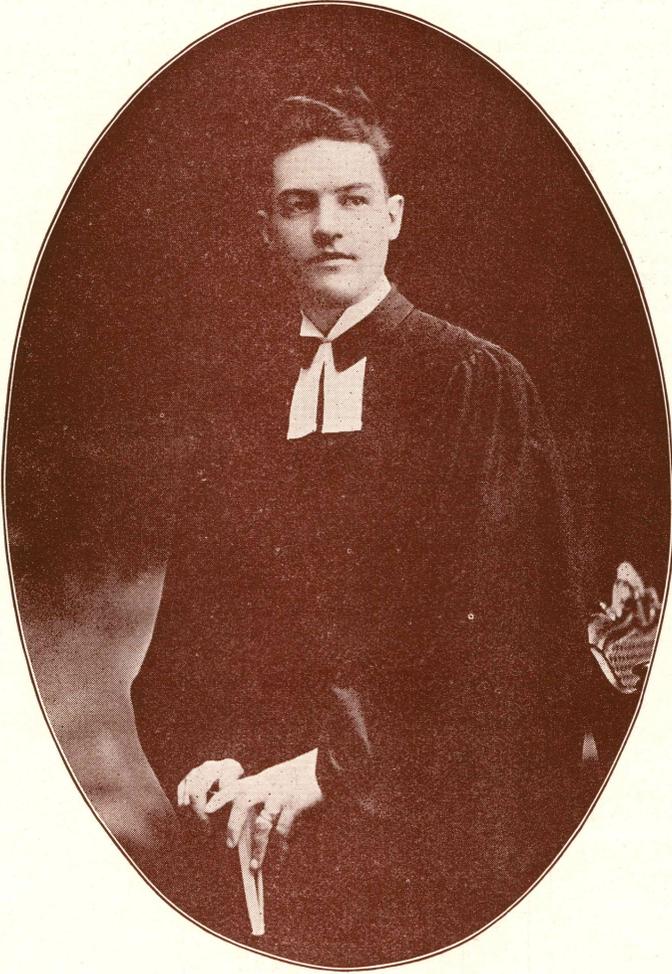
2. Halte aus, halte aus,
Zion, halte deine Treu',
Laß nicht lau und träg, dich finden!
Auf, das Kleinod rückt herbei!
Auf, verlasse was dahinten;
Zion, in dem letzten Kampf und Strauß
Halte aus, halte aus!

Segensspruch

Postludium

Herr George W. Poehmann, Organist.

Herr John H. Horst, Cornetist.



Rev. Carl C. Mollenhauer, Pastor

Church Night, Sunday, December 5,

8.00 P. M.

Organ Prelude

Opening Sentence

Hymn

1. The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word;
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy Bride,
With His own Blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.
2. Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one Faith, one Birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy Food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.
3. Though, with a scornful wonder,
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed;
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.
4. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
Und tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Violin Solo

Mr. A. Miller

Prayer

Choir Anthem

Scripture Lesson

Soprano Solo

Miss Margaret Vollrath

Hymn

1. Faith of our fathers, living still In spite of dungeon, fire,
and sword, O how our hearts beat high with joy Whenever
we hear that glorious word! Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death.
2. Faith of our fathers, we will strive To win all nations unto
thee; And thro' the truth that comes from God Mankind shall
then indeed be free. Faith of our fathers, holy faith, We will
be true to thee till death.
3. Faith of our fathers, we will love Both friend and foe in
all our strife, And preach thee, too, as love knows how By
kindly deeds and virtuous life. Faith of our fathers, holy
faith, We will be true to thee till death.

Sermon "A Revival of Spiritual Religion" Rev. F. W. Schaefer

Annul Glee Club—Selection

Offertory

Announcements

Trumpet Duett

Mess., John H. Horst, William Duhan

Lord's Prayer (in Unison)

Benediction

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye
heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.



Former Pastors:

Rev. Frederick W. H. Schaefer 1872-1880

Rev. Jacob Blass 1864-1872

Rev. Andreas Schwartz 1850-1864

Rev. F. A. Conradi 1880-1900

Rev. C. M. Eyster 1900-1926



The Board of Trustees:

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Community Night, Tuesday, December 7,

8.00 P. M.

Organ Prelude

Anthem

Hymn

Baltimore, where Carroll flourished
And the fame of Calvert grew!
Here the old defenders conquered
As their valiant swords they drew.
Here the starry banner glistened
In the sunshine of the sea,
In that dawn of golden vision
That awoke the song of Key:
Here are hearts that beat forever
For the city we adore;
Here the love of men and brothers—
Baltimore, our Baltimore!

Here the charm of parks and gardens;
Here the spirit of the home;
Here the music of the morning
In the wind across the foam,
Here the teacher and the prophet,
Here the sermon and the song,
Keep the higher beauty burning
And the nobler purpose strong;
Here the church and here the temple
Teach our hearts their hallowed lore;
Here hath Science wed with Healing
Baltimore, our Baltimore!

Here the clipper ships of story
Brought the cargoes of their day,
From the ports of seven oceans
Homing whitewinged up the bay.
Here immortal Poe illumined
Living Letters with his lyre;
Here Lanier's uplifting measures
Taught the world a fresh desire:
Here the tradesman and the statesman
Here the gallant hearts of yore,
Came to build a beauteous city—
Baltimore, our Baltimore!

God of grace, thou great Jehovah,
Make us grateful, keep us true,
That these gifts of light and leading
May enchain our hearts to you;
That in clearer vision growing
Men may follow still the gleam,
As a righteous city blossoms
In the golden years of dream:
Here where Art and Learning beckon
Justice pleads for rich and poor,
God to guide, and man to worship—
Baltimore, our Baltimore!

Prayer

Trumpet Solo

Mr. W. Duhan

Scripture

Anvil Glee Club

Address

Horace E. Flack, Ph. D.,
Director of Dept. Legislature Reference

Mrs. M. Thomas

Suprano Solo

Offertory

Announcement

Hymn

Thou wilt not cower in the dust,
Maryland, my Maryland.
Thy gleaming sword shall never rust,
Maryland, my Maryland.
Remember Carroll's sacred thrust,
Remember Howard's warlike thrust,
And all the slumb'ers with the just,
Maryland, my Maryland

Thou wilt not yield the vandal toll
Maryland, my Maryland.
Thou wilt not crook to his control,
Maryland, my Maryland.
Better the fire upon thee roll,
Better the shot, the blade, the bowl,
Than crucifixion of the soul,
Maryland, my Maryland.

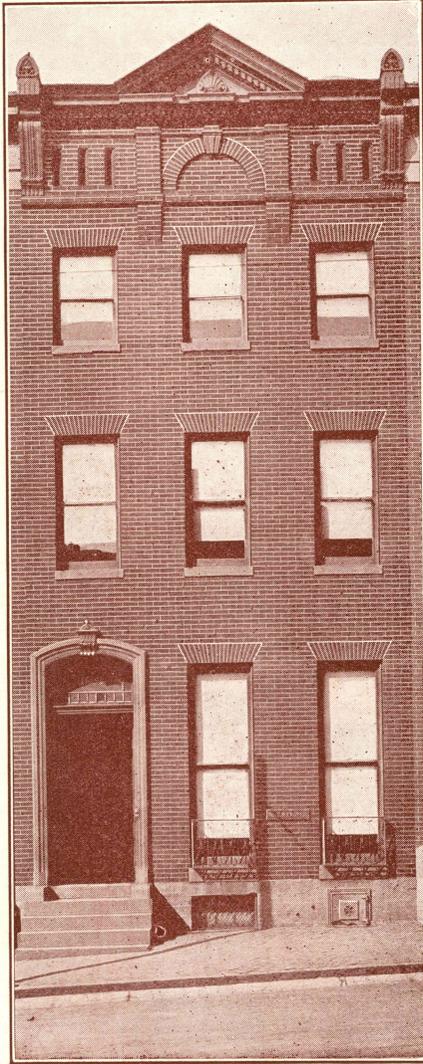
I see no blush upon thy cheek,
Maryland, my Maryland.
Tho' thou wast ever bravely meek,
Maryland, my Maryland
For life and death, for woe and weal,
Thy peerless chivalry reveal,
And gird thy beauteous limbs with steel,
Maryland, my Maryland.

I hear the distant thunder hum,
Maryland, my Maryland.
The Old Line bugle, fife and drum,
Maryland, my Maryland.
Come to thine own heroic throng,
That stalks with Liberty along,
And ring thy dauntless slogan song,
Maryland, my Maryland.

Benediction

Doxology

The Parsonage



1824 E. Baltimore Street

The Congregation gratefully remembers the services of all its office bearers and records the names of the Presidents of the Board of Trustees as follows:—

Philip Weber	Elected	December	1,	1849
Christian Hax	"	November	10,	1852
John Schwartz	"	November	30,	1853
John Fertting	"	May	8,	1854
Casper Killer	"	December	11,	1855
George Froehlich	"	December	16,	1857
Edward Gronan	"	February	17,	1859
Jacob Franz	"	December	4,	1860
Henry Wieghorst	"	November	26,	1861
Henry Sort	"	March	24,	1862
Christopher Schmidt	"	December	1,	1863
Christopher Goepfert	"	June	7,	1864
George Ermerling	"	December	5,	1865
Martin Dietrich	"	November	10,	1868
Henry Sander	"	December	1,	1870
William Bischof	"	November	4,	1872
George Hetz	"	August	18,	1874
Nickolas Jerscheidt	"	December	21,	1875
August Limpert	"	December	4,	1877
George Eisenberger	"	December	3,	1878
William Brettholl	"	December	2,	1879
August Damm	"	November	29,	1881
Frank Schlegel	"	December	2,	1885
George Spindler	"	May	14,	1890
John H. Michel	"	November	16,	1890
Charles Schoenhals	"	November	29,	1892
Conrad Plitt	"	August	12,	1902
Adolph Koenig	"	December	9,	1902
Henry Gerstmeyer	"	December	11,	1906
John H. Horst	"	December	1,	1908
Adam Laumann, Sr.	"	March	13,	1917
" Pres. Emeritus	"	May	10,	1921
Frederick L. Nelson	"	May	10,	1921
Louis Horst Sr.	"	March		1922

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William Fink, <i>Assistant Pianist,</i>	" " "
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Miss Audrey Joeckel	Miss Vesta Drinks	Mrs. Geo. R. Ball

Altos

Miss Margaret Zander	Mrs. John G. Antonie	Mrs. Elizabeth Tjarks
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Tenors

John Despeaux	William Wacker	George R. Ball
William C. Scheiner	Earl F. Mitchell	

Bassos

William A. Harrison	Frederick Ball	Edwin Young
Raymond J. Ault	G. Henry Masseth	Charles E. Harrison Jr.

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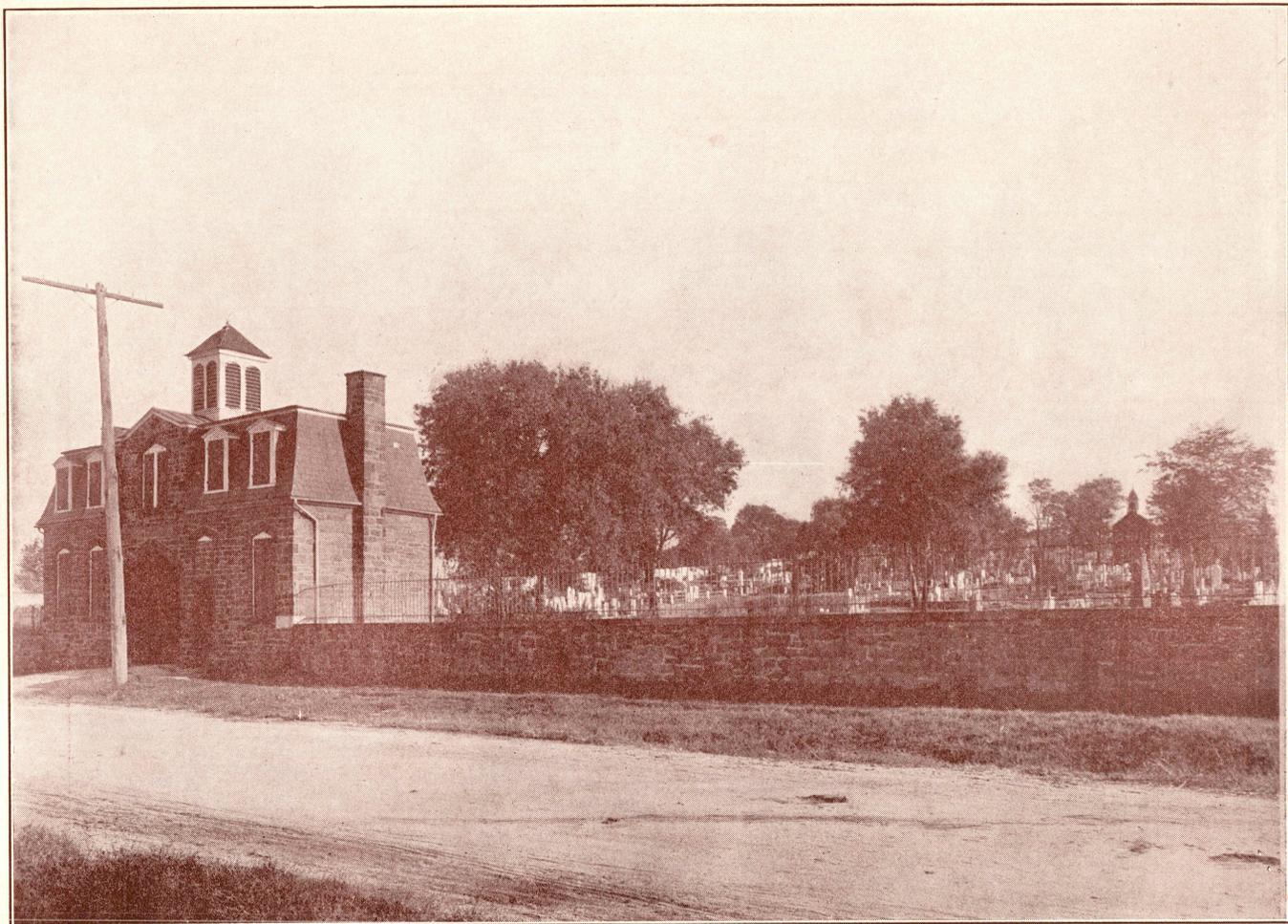
Aunt Club

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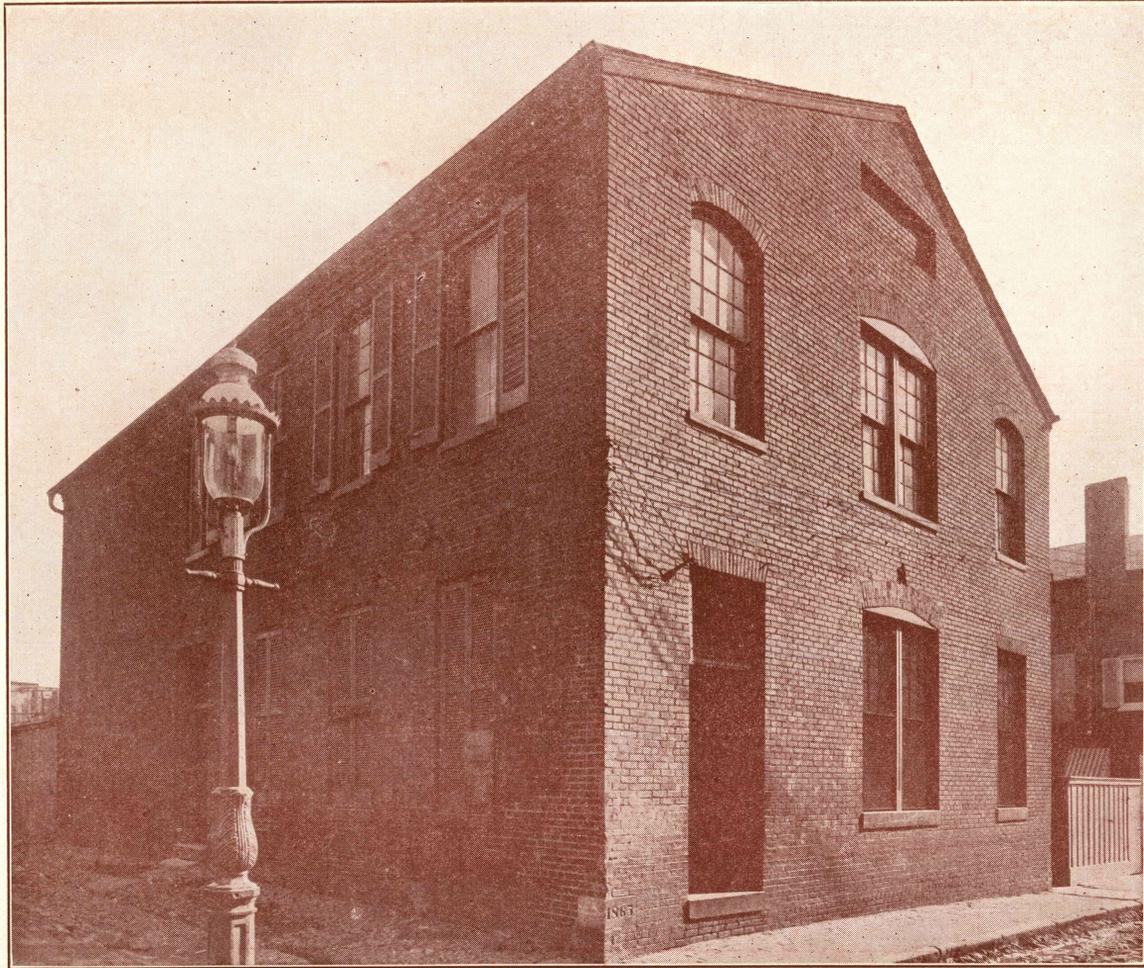
Superintendent Cemetery: Cyrus Stewart

Church Sexton: August Herman, 518 S. Washington St.

Collector: William Klingelhoef



The Cemetery
O'Donnell Street Extended



The Old School House

Register Street, between Eastern Ave. and Bank Street

1851

Diamond Jubilee

1926

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