

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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REGISTRATION FORM

OMB NO. 1024-0018, NPS FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties or districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classifications, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Propertyhistoric name Old School Baptist Church of Halcottsvilleother names/site number n/a**2. Location**street & number Old Route 30

[n/a] not for publication

city, town Halcottsville

[n/a] vicinity

state New York code NY county Delaware code 025 zip code 12438**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] nomination [] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [X] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [] nationally [] statewide [X] locally. ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

J.W. Allen
Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation
Signature of certifying official

30 April '99
date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby, certify that this property is:

[] entered in the National Register.

[] See continuation sheet.

[] determined eligible for the National Register. [] see continuation sheet.

[] determined not eligible for the National Register.

[] removed from the National Register.

[] other, (explain:)

Signature of keeper

Date of Action

Old School Baptist Church of HalcottsvilleDelaware County, New YorkName of PropertyCounty and State5. Classification5. ClassificationOwnership of Property(Check as many
boxes as apply)Category of Property

(check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property(do not include previously listed
resources in the count)☒ private☐ public-local☐ public-State☐ public-Federal☒ building(s)☐ district☐ site☐ structure☐ objectContributing Noncontributing3

buildings

sites

structures

objects

30

Total

Name of related multiple property
listings (enter "N/A" if property is
not part of a multiple property listing)Number of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Registern/a06. Function or UseHistoric Function

(enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/Religious facilityCurrent Functions

(enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/Religious facility7. DescriptionArchitectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

MID-19TH CENTURY/Greek RevivalMaterials

(enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stonewalls Woodroof Asphalt shingle

other _____

Narrative Description(describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more
continuation sheets.)

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 Middletown, Delaware County

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The Old School Baptist Church of Halcottsville is prominently situated on the east side of Old State Route 30 in the cross-roads hamlet of Halcottsville (Town of Middletown), Delaware County. The church occupies a small residential parcel of land, which is bounded on the west by Old Route 30, on the north and south by residential development, and on the east by open land.

Contributing buildings: 3

The Old School Baptist Church was built using a one-story one by three bay plan. The church is wood framed and rests on a foundation of uncoursed mortared rubble. A moderately pitched gable roof, clad in asphalt shingles covers the building. Narrow clapboards cover the modest structure. The roof line of the building is distinguished a simple molded cornice. Fenestration throughout the building is regular and symmetrical. Windows contain six-over-six double-hung sash. All windows are flanked by wood louvered shutters.

The austere west facade is highlighted by a simple, Greek Revival inspired central entry. The entry is composed of paired four panel doors set in a plain wood surround. A tall top light spans the opening. Above the opening is a wood plaque inscribed "O.S. BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE BUILT 1886." Surmounting the plaque is a simple wood cornice.

The north and south elevations are similar in fenestration and punctuated by three evenly spaced elongated double-hung sash windows. The rear or east elevation is featureless.

The interior of the church features a traditional meeting house plan. The central entry leads into a broad vestibule. A stair leads from the vestibule to the gallery, which is situated on the west interior wall of the church above the vestibule. A pair of centered doors open from the vestibule onto a central aisle, which separates two ranks of wood pews. At the head of the central aisle is a raised pulpit platform. The platform is set back into a shallow recess in the east wall of the building. Centered on the platform is a wood paneled lectern. Walls throughout the building retain their original plaster on lath finishes. Original stenciled ornamentation also survives throughout the building. Wood architraves, flooring and stoves also survive intact in the building.

Located behind (east) the church is a small frame outhouse (ca.1886, contributing) and a small frame shed (contributing, ca.1886).

Second Old School Baptist Church of Roxbury
Name of Property

Delaware County, New York
County and State

8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark an "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

☒ C Property that embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

☒ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

☐ B removed from its original location.

☐ C a birthplace or grave.

☐ D a cemetery.

☐ E a reconstructed building, object or structure.

☐ F a commemorative property.

☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Area of Significance

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(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1886

Significant Dates

1886

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

n/a

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Architect/Builder

n/a

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS): **Primary location of additional data:**

☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

☐ previously listed in the National Register

☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register

☐ designated a National Historic Landmark

☐ recorded by Historic American Building Survey # _____

☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

☒ State historic preservation office

☐ Other State agency

☐ Federal agency

☐ Local government

☐ University

☐ Other

Name of repository:

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The Old School Baptist Church of Halcottsville is significant as an intact and representative example of traditional frame meeting house architecture in Delaware County. Constructed in 1886, the austere Greek Revival inspired building is characterized by rectangular gable massing, elongated windows, molded cornice, double door entrance with simple surround, and rigorous simplicity. The sanctuary with its raised pulpit, rear gallery and original pews remains completely intact from 1886. The simple building is a significant local visual and historic landmark and remains an important reminder of the history of the evolution of the town of Middletown.

The Old School Baptist Church was built in 1886 by Elder Isaac Hewitt with his own funds as a branch of the Second O.S. Baptist Church of Roxbury (The Yellow Church). The expressed intention was to provide a place of worship in a location that would prove to be more convenient during the harsh winters. However, it was also known that Elder Hewitt and the pastor of the Yellow Church, John Hubbell had a longstanding and growing difference on several theological issues. It is believed that it is actually this difference that caused the erection of the new church. When completed, the congregation split with some remaining under the pastorship of Elder Hubbell and some following Elder Hewitt to the new church. After a few years to rift between the two church leaders was mended and the congregations were once again joined as one. At this time services would be conducted at the Yellow Church from April to November and in the Halcottsville Church from December to March.

Elder Isaac Hewitt was born in Braggs Hollow near the site of the nominated property in 1810. He was ordained a minister in 1840. He also established himself as one of the community's successful farmers owning a large tract of land. During his ministry Hewitt preached throughout the the seven church Lexington Association circuit of O.S. Baptist churches. He also preached nationally traveling as far west as Illinois. Hewitt died in 1895. His widow, Jane Weld Hewitt donated the church and its property to the trustees of the church at this time. The building remains in the ownership of the O.S. Baptist Church and continues to be the site of annual meetings.

In form and detail the Old School Baptist Church of Halcottsville is clearly, a builder's adaptation of the Greek Revival style. The church is noteworthy for its simple meeting house form and rigorous simplicity. The Greek Revival style was most popular in the county between 1820 and 1850. A formal, dignified style, the Greek Revival form was based upon the ancient Greek temple form. The Greek Revival idiom most often feature a low pitched gable roof with the ridge perpendicular to the facade. The roof line is usually set off by the use of heavy cornice molding. Windows are generally double-hung sash with multiple lights and are often elongated to provide strong vertical elements. Likewise, entrances almost always feature tall rectangular top lights, which also add to the sense of height. Massing varies, but is always consists of rectangular blocks. Symmetry is an important element of the style.

The Old School Baptist Church of Halcottsville has served the rural residents of Delaware County since 1886. The building survives with a virtually intact exterior and interior. The building remains a religious and visual monument in the community.

Delaware County, New York

County and State

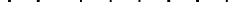
10. Geographical Data

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Acres of property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

4  Zone Easting Northing

Verbal Boundary Description

(Explain the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title John A. Bonafide, Historic Preservation Program Analyst

organization NYS Office of Parks, Rec. & Historic Preservation date January, 1999

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city or town Waterford state NY zip code 12188-0189

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name	n/a
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street & number

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the nominated property is shown as the heavy black outline on the accompanying map entitled "Old School Baptist Church of Halcottsville, Delaware County, New York."

Boundary Justification

The boundary for the nomination has been drawn to coincide with the current legal lot for the property.

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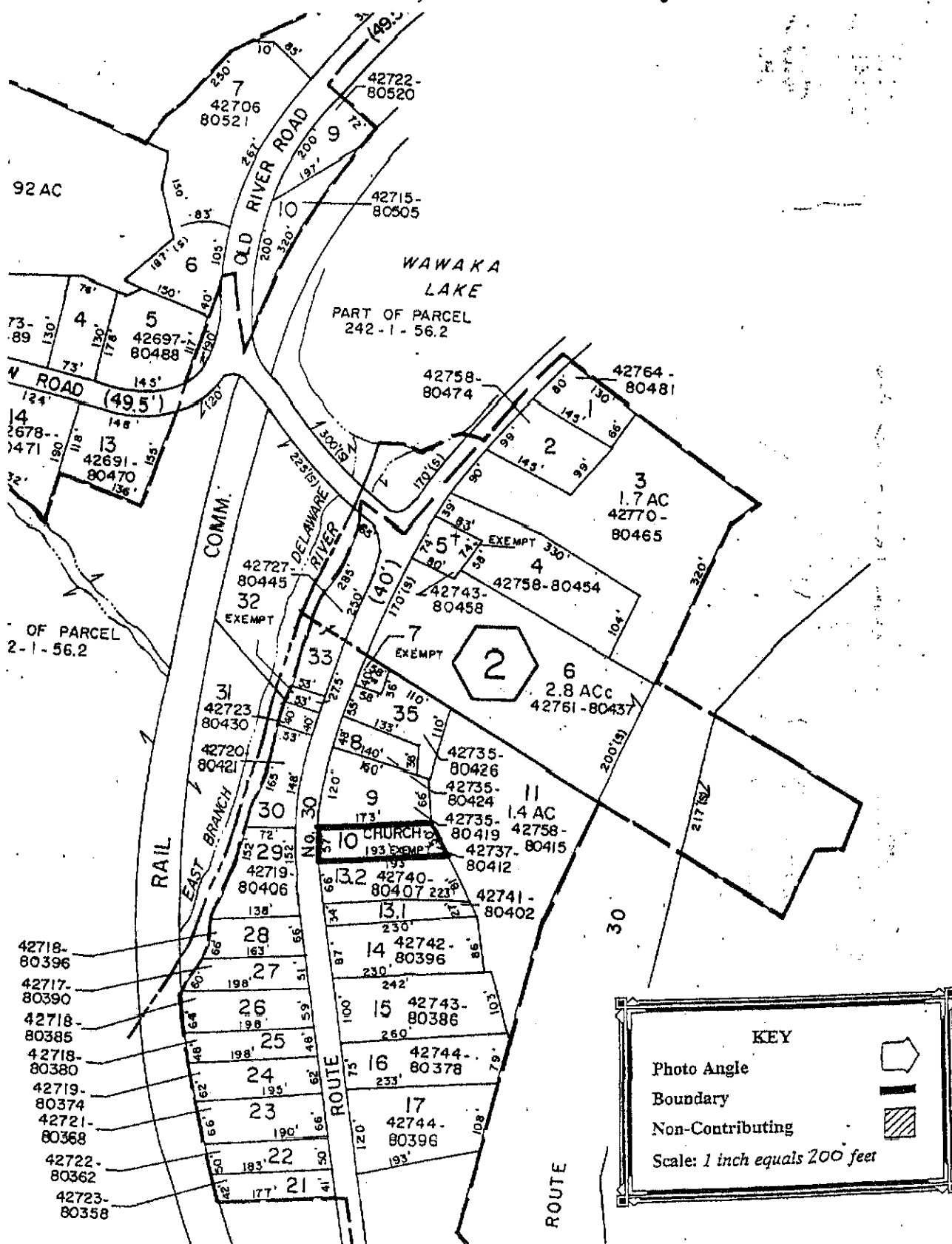
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Old School Baptist Church of Halcottsville
Middletown, Delaware County, New York
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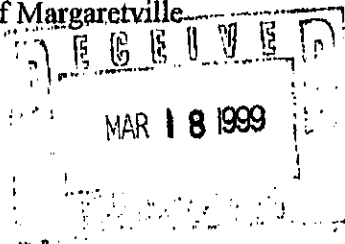
1. West facade
2. West facade and north elevation
3. North elevation
4. East elevation, outhouse, shed
5. South elevation and west facade
6. Interior view
7. Interior view
8. Interior view



**BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT
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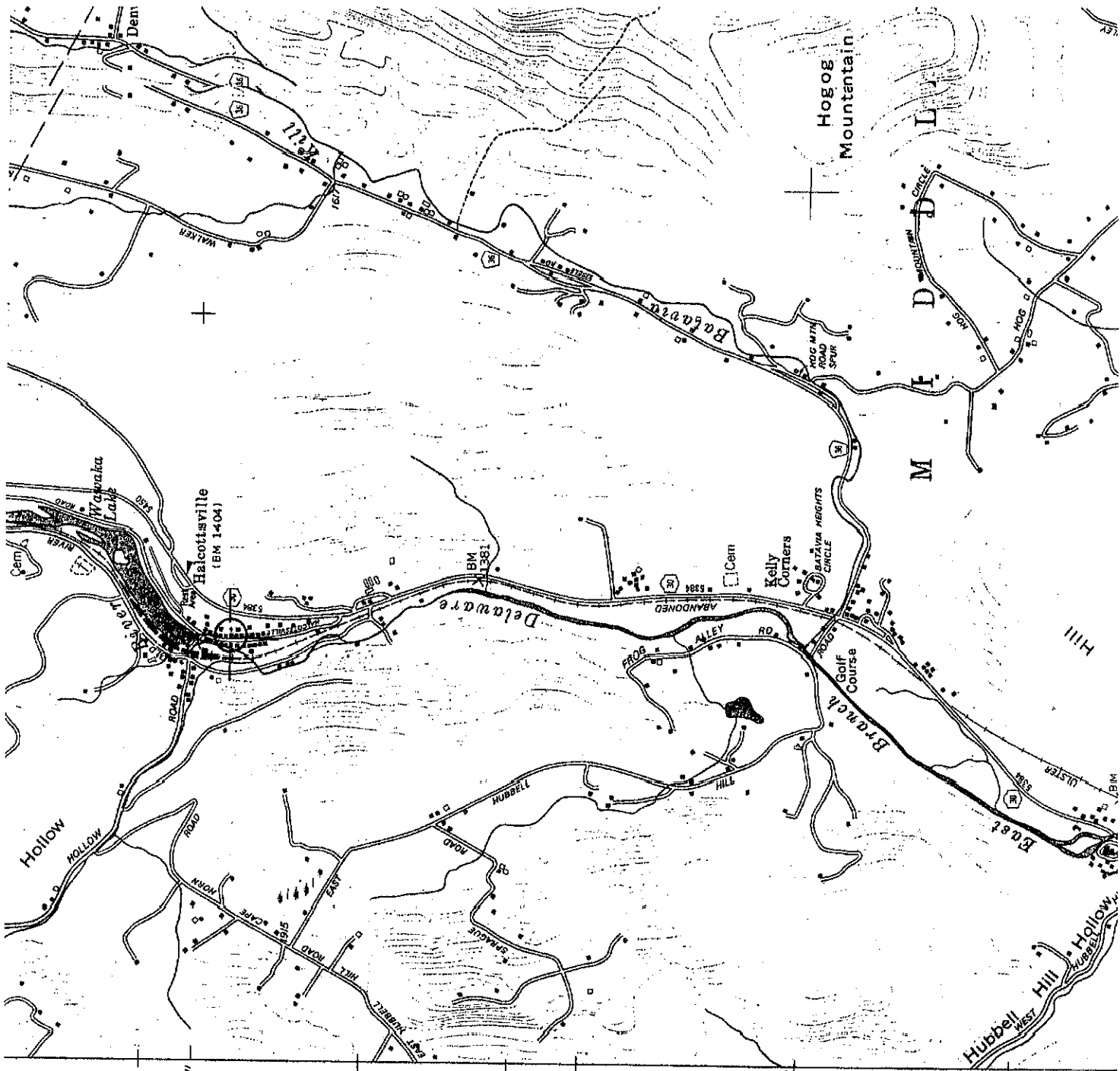
Dear Mr. Bonafide,

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Middletown Planning Board and offer our support for the O.S. Baptist Church of Halcottsville nomination into the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

We thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Porter, Chairman
Town of Middletown
Planning Board



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