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## IDENTIFICATION

Property name (if any) Northampton United Methodist Church at Fish House, NY  
Address or Street Location 1605 County Highway 110, Broadalbin, NY 12025  
County Fulton Town/City Northampton Village/Hamlet: Fish House  
Owner Trustees of U.M. Church Address Same  
Original use Church Current use Church  
Architect/Builder, if known \_\_\_\_\_ Date of construction, if known 1858-1860

## DESCRIPTION

Materials -- please check those materials that are visible

Exterior Walls:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wood clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> vertical boards	<input type="checkbox"/> plywood
	<input type="checkbox"/> stone	<input type="checkbox"/> brick	<input type="checkbox"/> poured concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> concrete block
	<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl siding	<input type="checkbox"/> aluminum siding	<input type="checkbox"/> cement-asbestos	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
Roof:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> asphalt, shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> asphalt, roll	<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> metal <input type="checkbox"/> slate
Foundation:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> stone	<input type="checkbox"/> brick	<input type="checkbox"/> poured concrete	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> concrete block (extension)

Other materials and their location: Small back extension has wooden piers on concrete footings

Alterations, if known: See Narrative Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated

## Photos

Provide several clear, original photographs of the property proposed for nomination. Submitted views should represent the property as a whole. For buildings or structures, this includes exterior and interior views, general setting, outbuildings and landscape features. Color prints are acceptable for initial submissions.

Please staple one photograph providing a complete view of the structure or property to the front of this sheet. Additional views should be submitted in a separate envelope or stapled to a continuation sheet.

## Maps

Attach a printed or drawn locational map indicating the location of the property in relationship to streets, intersections or other widely recognized features so that the property can be accurately positioned. Show a north arrow. Include a scale or estimate distances where possible.

Prepared by: Lewis Giles address 125 Old Fish House Rd, Broadalbin, NY 12025

Telephone: 518-883-6169 email LGiles@att.net Date 7-22-09

(See Reverse)

**PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION**

**IF YOU ARE PREPARING A NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION, PLEASE REFER TO THE ATTACHED INSTRUCTIONS**

**Narrative Description of Property:** Briefly describe the property and its setting. Include a verbal description of the location (e.g., north side of NY 17, west of Jones Road); a general description of the building, structure or feature including such items as architectural style (if known), number of stories, type and shape of roof (flat, gabled, mansard, shed or other), materials and landscape features. Identify and describe any associated buildings, structures or features on the property, such as garages, silos, privies, pools, gravesites. Identify any known exterior and interior alterations such as additions, replacement windows, aluminum or vinyl siding or changes in plan. Include dates of construction and alteration, if known. Attach additional sheets as needed.

*See accompanying narrative*

**Narrative Description of Significance:** Briefly describe those characteristics by which this property may be considered historically significant. Significance may include, but is not limited to, a structure being an intact representative of an architectural or engineering type or style (e.g., Gothic Revival style cottage, Pratt through-truss bridge); association with historic events or broad patterns of local, state or national history (e.g., a cotton mill from a period of growth in local industry, a seaside cottage representing a locale's history as a resort community, a structure associated with activities of the "underground railroad."); or by association with persons or organizations significant at a local, state or national level. Simply put, why is this property important to you and the community. Attach additional sheets as needed.

*See accompanying narrative*

## Narrative Description of Property:

The Northampton United Methodist Church at Fish House is the modern name of what began as the Methodist Episcopal Church at Fish House. This church building is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Old Fish House Road and County Highway 110 (South Shore Road) in the southeast corner of the Town of Northampton, NY. Some pre-Sacandaga Lake descriptions refer to Old Fish House Road as the Batchellerville Road or Fayville Road. This structure is part of the historic community of Fish House.

According to the original deed on file at the Fulton County Courthouse, the property on which this Greek Revival style church building stands was sold to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Fish House (also referred to in the deed as “at the Fish House”) on April 13, 1858, by William and Sarah Slocum for the sum of \$1.00. F. W. Beers (1878) states, “The Methodist Episcopal Church at Fish House was organized in 1859 [deed says 1858], under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Quinlan, with about 15 members. During that year and the next, the society built a wooden church, about 35 by 50 feet, with all the improvements of the day, on a lot deeded to it by William Slocum and wife. The building cost about \$2,000, and sheds have been put up also, making the present value of the church property about \$2,500. In the autumn of 1860, the church was dedicated by Rev. Samuel Meredith, presiding elder of the district, assisted by Rev. Samuel McKean and Rev. Hannibal Smith.”

In 2005, the church published a short brochure, an informal history of itself entitled, “This Is Our Story; This Is Our Song!” which states that construction was begun in 1859, “from when we date our history.” This history states that “the bell was taken from the first church in Fish House, an Episcopal edifice, which had been demolished shortly before this church was erected.” It is thought that the Episcopal church referred to was founded by Sir William Johnson before the Revolutionary War.

The church’s informal history states, “The building was heated by wood stoves located in the center of the sanctuary, and if you look closely at the restored tongue-in-groove ceiling, you can see holes where eye-bolts were placed to support the stovepipes which carried heat to the rest of the room and smoke to a chimney located between the exterior and interior walls to the left of the altar. The chimney was removed during the major renovation of 1999.

“There was a stable for carriages at the rear of the building replaced in later years by a garage for the parsonage family. In the late 1940s, a team of church families excavated a cellar space for a hot-air furnace, and plumbing for a kitchen above it was installed. The dining room was added to the rear of the building at the same time, and the garage was demolished.”

“The old parsonage was demolished in the 1990s, and replaced by a parking lot. The parsonage steppingstone was relocated to the front entrance of the church, and the date of its original placement (1859) has been lettered on it.

“In 1999, major renovation and restoration were completed at local expense during the summer while the congregation met in the Community Center.” (This former school house was purchased by the church in the 1970s.) “The object was to restore the interior of the building as close as possible to its original design, and to preserve the elements of the exterior structure and appearance, a goal which was achieved. Formal rededication followed.

“A new digital organ was added, and over a period of several more years the magnificent stained-glass window panels were installed as memorials to church families. New stained-glass chandeliers were placed as well. Air conditioning, insulation, painting, landscaping, and other improvements were completed in 2005, again at local expense. There is no indebtedness.”

“ Still in the attic is an original 12-inch by 12-inch 20-foot-long pine roof beam, unused since the time of construction . . . Signatures of a number of members, scrawled on the plaster wall in the former balcony, were made during the early 1900s . . . ”

### Narrative Description of Significance:

The specific reasons leading to the organization of the church in 1858 are presently unknown to this writer. The 1858 Minutes of the Troy Conference indicate that “R. Pattison, G. Ward, and J. Quinlan, sup.” were the preachers stationed at Northampton and Edinburgh. There was sufficient community interest in the church for its original membership of 15 to grow slowly over the years. F. W. Beers (1878) states that by 1878, there were 47 members. “The pastors of this church have been Rev. Messrs. Quinlan, Patterson, Ward, Munsee, Williams, Slocum, Stewart, Butcher, Armstrong, Genge, Sherwood and Brown. The last named is the present pastor” [1878]. The most recent pastors have been Brad Broyles (retired 2008), and currently, Jerry Oliver.

The church’s informal history states, “Members of the congregation of the Osborn Bridge Methodist Episcopal Church, along with its assets, were transferred to the Northampton church when that area was flooded in the 1930s to create Great Sacandaga Lake. The Osborn Bridge community and its buildings, along with the church, was demolished and abandoned to the rising water. The books and papers of that congregation are preserved in our files. Our church derives a small annual income from the sale of the demolished building.

“The word ‘Episcopal’ was dropped from the church name in 1939 during the national merger of Methodist churches in the northern and southern parts of the United States. And the word ‘United’ was added at the time of the merger of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren in 1968. When the congregation was incorporated in the late 1990s, the phrase ‘at Fish House’ was added to the corporate name, thereby making it, and the building, unique in Methodism. There is no other ‘Northampton United Methodist Church at Fish House’ that we know of.”

In 2005, the Trustees of the Northampton United Methodist Church at Fish House were the recipients of one of the annual awards given by Adirondack Architectural Heritage. They were cited “for long-term stewardship” of the church’s historic architecture (Adirondack Architectural Heritage Newsletter, Vol 14, No 2, 2005-2006).

The church continues to be open year round for worship and activity. Its 2005 membership totaled about 114, with approximately 65 people attending weekly worship.

### References

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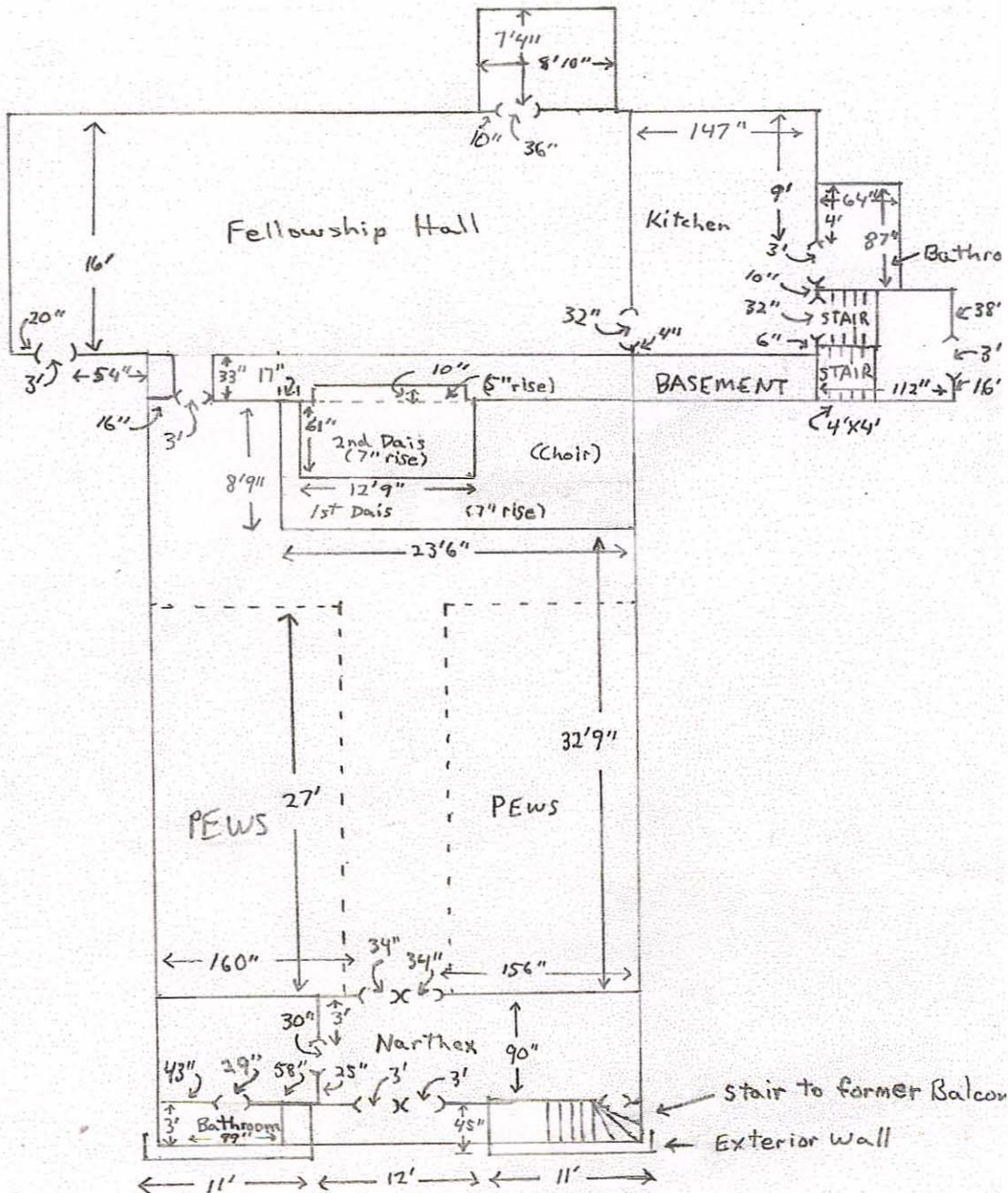




# Northampton United Methodist Church at Fish House, NY Floor Plan -- July, 2009

Measurements are of interior spaces, except exterior wall in front.

Drawing approximately to scale: 1"=12'



# Local religious events and activities

## Bleecker church will celebrate anniversary

BLEECKER — The Bleecker Community Church will celebrate its 60th anniversary with an afternoon worship service Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. at its church on County Highway 112.

Following the worship service, there will be a reception at the Church Hall. Special music is planned for the service including Leroy Lane, John and Deena Brooks and visiting choirs.

The reception at the church hall will feature a photographic display of the 60-year history of the church as well as historical displays depicting early church history in the town from the 1850s.

The public is invited to join in the celebration. The usual morning worship service at 9 a.m. will be canceled for the day.

## Glen church offer two services for members

GLEN — The Glen Reformed Church, located on Route 161, will offer a contemporary service at 8 a.m. and a traditional

worship service at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Stacey Midge.

The Advent season begins this week and Holy Communion and infant baptism will be celebrated. All are welcome.

## Northampton church trustees are honored

FISH HOUSE — Trustees of Northampton United Methodist Church at Fish House have been cited by Adirondack Architectural Heritage of Keeseville, pre-eminent among historical preservation groups in the Adirondacks, for their continuing work in conserving and protecting the Greek-revival style building which was erected in 1859 in the Fulton County hamlet.

Certification and recognition of the trustees' work was conducted at a luncheon in the newly restored and historic Woods Inn in Inlet which celebrated the 2005 Adirondack Architectural Heritage Awards. The church's trustees joined seven other organizations including local governments, community groups and individuals.

According to AARCH Program Director Paula Dennis, "In all of the awards, the committee seeks representative examples of long-term stewardship and committed preservation practice as well as sensitivity to the original function and time period of each resource. The dedication, work and care they all have shown exemplifies these ideals."

The chairman of trustees is Lawrence Lewandowski. The trustees attending were Richard Hopes, immediate past chairman; James A. Rose, Clark Reichel and Bertha Green. Church treasurer Elizabeth Pickering accepted the award for the church.

## Hopper's message titled 'Let's Meet David'

NORTHVILLE — The Baptist Church of Northville, 111 N. First St., welcomes friends and neighbors to worship during the various services at the church this week.

There will be a worship service Sunday at 10 a.m. Pastor George Hopper's message titled

"Let's Meet David" is taken from God's Word in 1 Samuel 16. A fellowship coffee time is conducted immediately following the service.

Sunday School for all ages is at 11:30 a.m.

For more information on services or events at the church, call the church office at 863-8001 or visit [www.northville-baptist.org](http://www.northville-baptist.org).

## Advent candlelight service is scheduled

CANAJOHARIE — The community is invited to step back in history and pause for a time of reflection at a special candlelight service marking the beginning of the Advent season.

The service will be Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. at the historic Palatine Church on Route 5, west of Nelliston.

Participants are encouraged to bring a small flashlight to assist them getting to their cars after the service. The building is heated.

For more information or in case on inclement weather, call 673-2224.

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## Tenth Annual Awards Celebration at The Woods Inn

On September 23, 2005, preservation enthusiasts from around the Adirondack Park gathered at the newly restored, historic Woods Inn in Inlet to honor and celebrate the 2005 Adirondack Architectural Heritage Awards. Seven awardees, including a county government, community groups, and individuals shared their stories of challenge and success, passion and purpose with a lively and engaged group of advocates and supporters. Selected by the AARCH Stewardship Committee, chaired by Al Combs, the awardees were:

### Essex County

*For a sensitive restoration of Floral Hall at the Essex County Fairgrounds in Westport*

The Essex County Fairgrounds was constructed on its present site in 1881 after relocating four times since 1848. Floral Hall, completed in 1885, served as the centerpiece and pavilion for exhibition of local crafts and homegrown produce.

With the fair still active today, Essex County undertook extensive planning and restoration to preserve and enhance the surviving fairgrounds complex. The county dedicated funds and obtained grant support through several historic preservation programs including Preserve New York, the New York State Historic Barn Restoration Program, and the Adirondack North Country Community Enhancement Program. Additional funding came through legislative member support and the governor's office. The complex is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

### Bruce and Darcey Hale

*For long-term stewardship of the Quarry Master's Cottage at Scragwood in Willsboro*



*AARCH's 2005 Awards recipients (bottom to top): Reverend Broyles and Trustees of the Northampton United Methodist Church at Fish House, Lyon Mountain Friends, Darcey and Bruce Hale, Dan Connell, the Robbins Family, "The Hemmer Team," and Paul and Rainy Littman.*

Beginning in the 1830s, Solomon and Rhonda Clark owned and operated the Ligonier Quarry complex on Willsboro Point on the shore of Lake Champlain. The product, bluestone, depended on a good market economy facilitated by the Champlain Canal with contracts including the Brooklyn Bridge, New York State Capitol, and Champlain Canal. A large operation in its heyday, the complex not only included quarry related structures but self-supporting service buildings, and farms to sustain the resident community of workers.

The building now known as Scragwood served as the quarry master's office and residence. A combination of original board-and-batten and cedar clapboard siding as well as subtle Gothic Revival and Victorian details adorn this

vernacular building. Bruce and Darcey Hale are now the keepers of the Clark legacy, diligent preservers of the building's appearance and the history contained within.

### Friends of Lyon Mountain, Inc.

*For a sensitive restoration of Lyon Mountain Mining and Railroad Museum in Lyon Mountain*

Built in 1903 during prosperous mining times at Lyon Mountain, the former railroad station lay in disrepair after nearly 100 years. Concerned citizens recently rallied to secure the building's future.

The Friends of Lyon Mountain was formed to develop the former station into a museum of railroad and mining history. Within two years the group had received a grant from New York State, applied for National Register listing, secured a large donation of private funds, and incorporated as a nonprofit. Argus Architecture & Preservation and architect Tim McCarthy provided technical support with local craftsman Rich Douglas restoring the interior to its early 1900s appearance. Grant support from NYSCA and the state's Environmental Protection Fund will go toward the museum's further development.

### Trustees of the Northampton United Methodist Church at Fish House

*For long-term stewardship of the Northampton United Methodist Church at Fish House*

The colonial community of Fish House, named for Sir William Johnson's 18th-century fishing retreat, was substantially flooded during the damming of the Sacandaga River valley in 1930. The church, built in the early 1860s, is one of few architectural survivors from this period.

**Our 2006 AARCH Awards Luncheon will be held at the Ausable Club in St. Huberts on Friday, October 6, 2006. Call AARCH early to make your reservations!**

for their use of palisade construction and full-log designs at Big Moose hotels and camps such as those at Crag Point, The Waldheim, Covewood, and at the Big Moose Chapel, left behind a legacy of French inspired vernacular architectural technique.

Since purchasing the camp in 1999, the Littmans have restored and stabilized the camp's buildings. Their efforts include restored foundations, replacement of obsolete logs and siding, and extensive rebuilding of the boathouse cribbing.

**Town of Webb Historical Association Historic Preservation Committee**

*For the rescue and sensitive restoration of Hemmer Cottage in Old Forge*

In 1919, Bernard Hemmer moved to the Old Forge area, worked as a sign painter, and built a series of medieval revival style rental cottages each with a different European inspiration. In 1931 he built what is known today as Hemmer Cottage

In 2001, the cottage was threatened with demolition and it became clear that dedicated individuals were needed to secure a rescue. The Hemmer Cottage Preservation Team was born and it soon determined that moving the building was necessary. Linda and Sarah Cohen donated a parcel of land near the waterfront, Senator Ray Meier provided \$25,000 in legislative support, and local sponsors pledged in-kind contributions. Following the building's relocation, the Town of Webb Historical Association agreed to serve as the nonprofit administrator and corporate sponsors and individuals collectively contributed. The "team" has now evolved into the Town of Webb Historical Association Historic Preservation Committee with Hemmer Cottage as their first project.

*Help us spread the word about the good work going on in our region by nominating a project from your community. For more information on our awards program and to obtain a nomination form, contact AARCH or visit our website at [www.aarch.org](http://www.aarch.org).*



*AARCH Awards (top to bottom): Main Street Ice Cream Parlor, Northampton United Methodist Church at Fish House, and Camp Veery boathouse.*

**Paul and Rainy Littman**

*For a sensitive restoration of Camp Veery on Big Moose Lake*

Camp Veery was built in 1901 for Theodore Page and later owned by Minnie Maddern Fiske, renowned Broadway stage actress. The camp was designed by George Davidson and is attributed to builder Henry Covey. The Coveys—father and son Earl—known

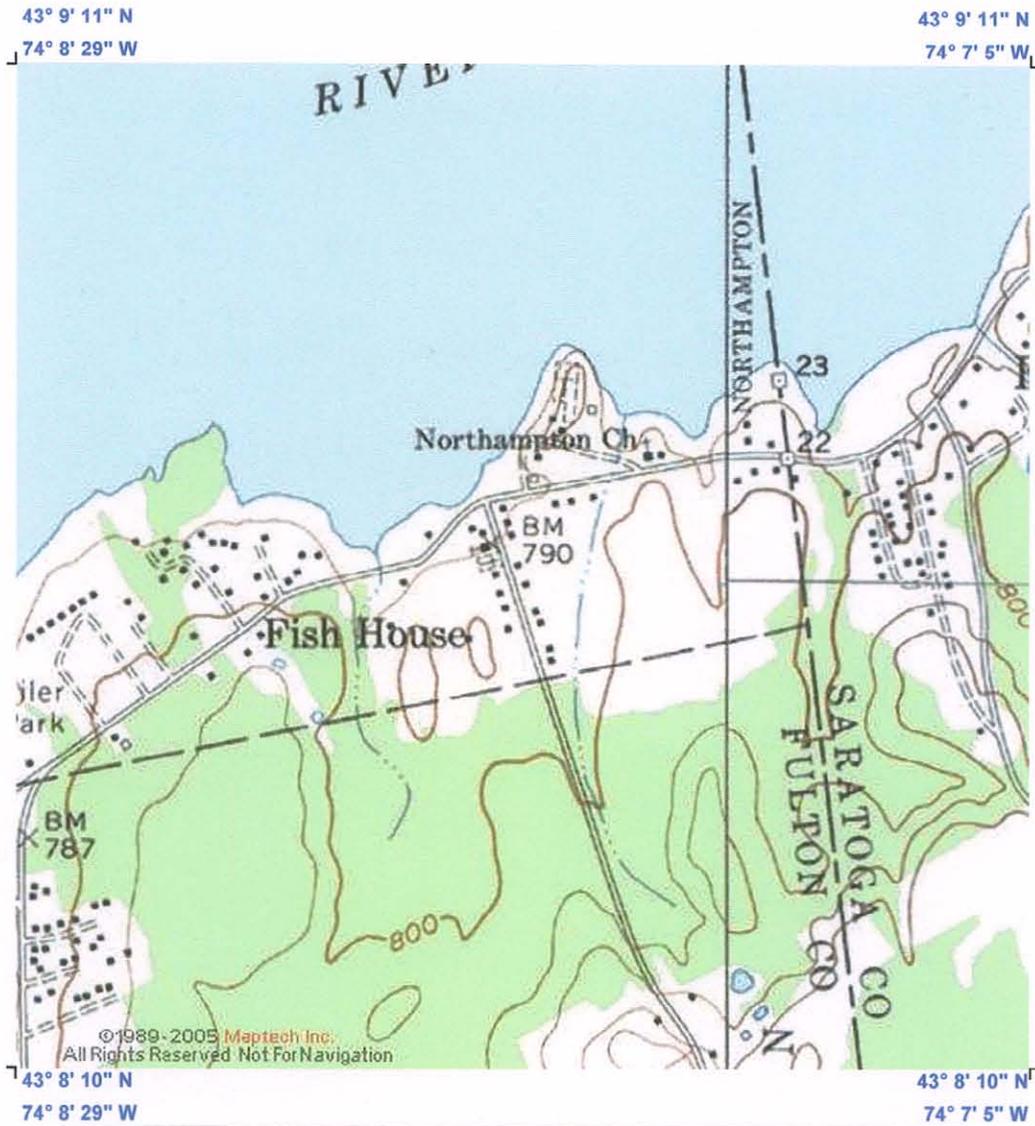
The church with its surviving classic Greek Revival form and details is as built. An unwavering commitment to preserve its architectural integrity has been documented by generations of trustees. Major restorations in 1999 and maintenance to date have involved much discussion and creative decisions. The original tall, clear-glass divided light window panels, so often replaced, were retained with added storm panels. To please the lovers of stained glass, new memorial panels were suspended on the interior of the church, just in front of the historic windows. The church was recently deemed eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

**The Robbins Family**

*For Main Street revitalization through sensitive restorations of The Chester Inn and Main Street Ice Cream Parlor in Chestertown*

Over nearly twenty years, two generations of the Robbins Family have greatly influenced the historic preservation trend in Chestertown by progressively reusing existing Main Street buildings. These restored sites are part of a small National Register Historic District. The Chester Inn was built in 1837 in the Greek Revival style for Charles Fowler, a prosperous Albany merchant and banker. In the 1880s, Harry Downs purchased the Fowler estate and the adjacent Chester House operating them as the Adirondack Hotel. The Main Street Ice Cream Parlor was originally built in 1913, for Chester, Horicon, Hague, and Johnsburg students. When a new school opened in 1935, the old school lay idle. For a time it was used as a glove factory, later an antiques shop, and in 1960 the town hall.

The inn, lovingly restored by Bruce and Suzanne Robbins, is prominently located in downtown Chestertown. Helena and Bruce Robbins Jr., restored the school in 2005, relocating their Main Street Ice Cream Parlor to it from a previously restored Italianate storefront.



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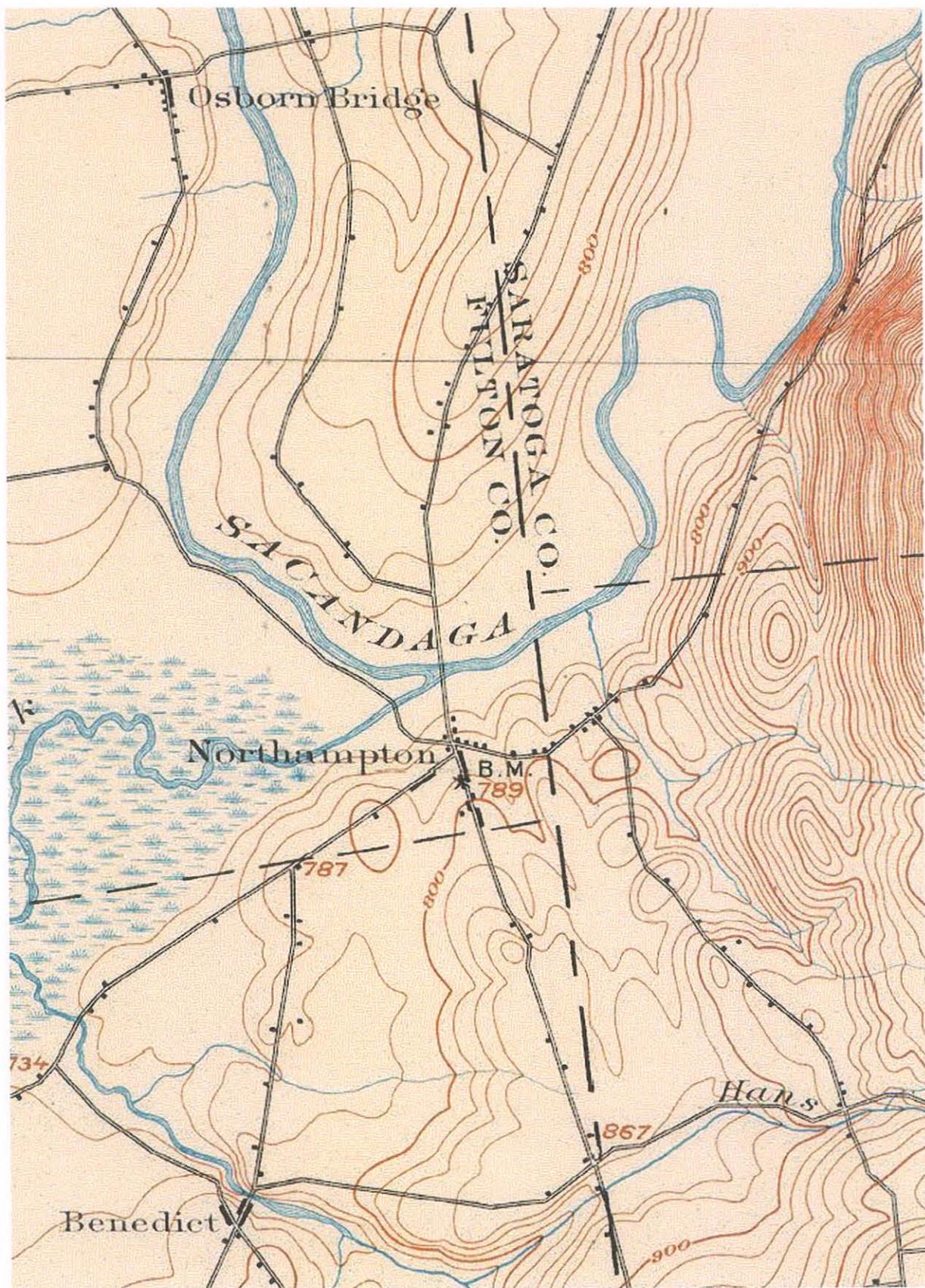
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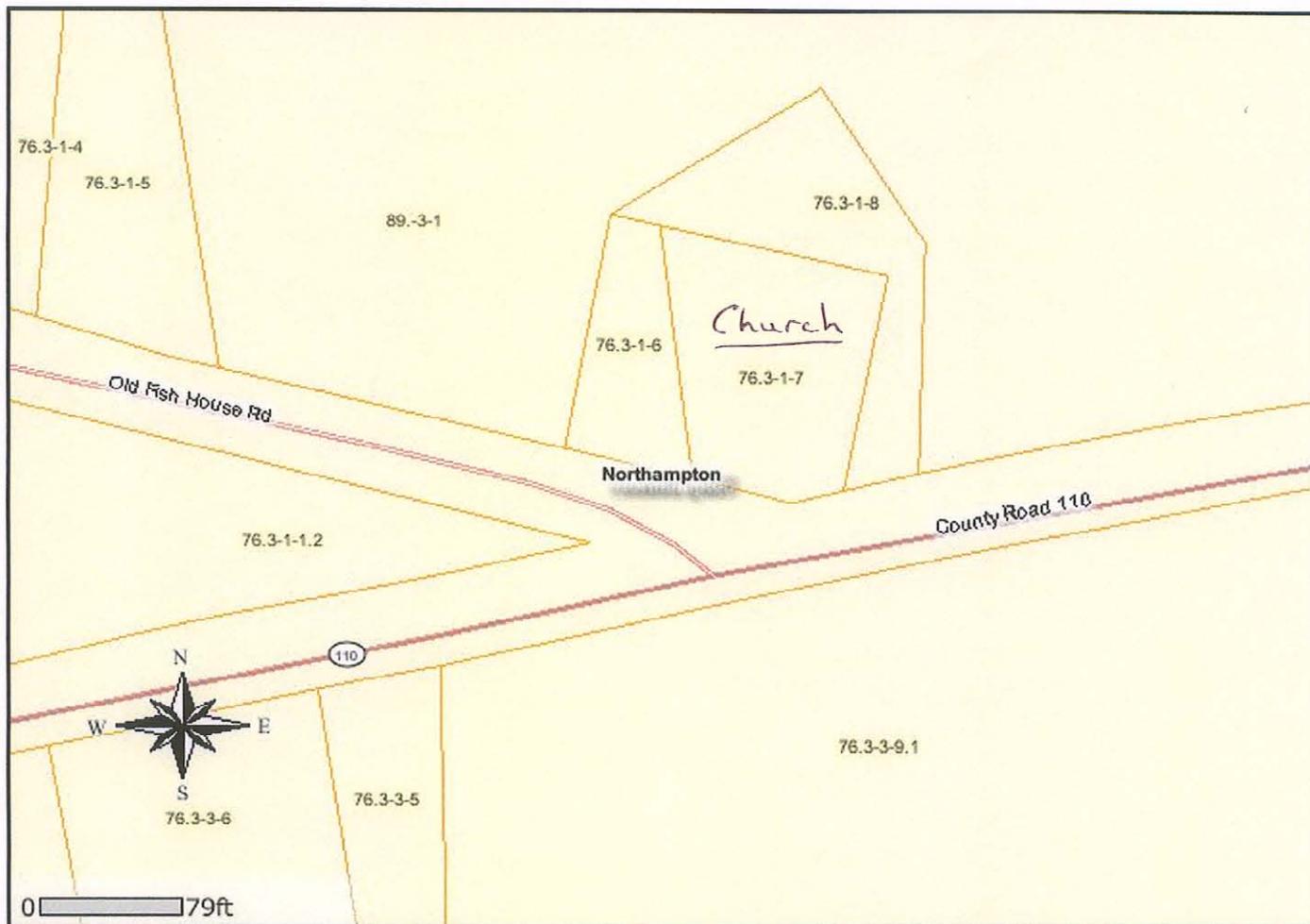
Historic USGS Map, Northwest Corner, Broadalbin Quadrangle, published 1902,  
surveyed 1899.

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# Northampton United Methodist Church At Fish House



July 22, 2009

**Disclaimer:** This map was prepared by the Fulton County Internet Geographic Information System (GIS). The map was compiled using the most current GIS data available. It is deemed accurate, but is not guaranteed.

Deed and acknowledged that he executed the same John  
Stewart County Judge of said County,  
Recorded January 9<sup>th</sup> 1860 at 3 1/2 45, m. P. 110

M. Wade Clerk

This Indenture, Made The 13<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight between William Slocum  
and Sarah Slocum his wife of the Town of Northampton County of Fulton  
and State of New York of the first part, and Amasa Shepper John Ber-  
nall Horiam Coleman Bruce Ouel. and William Peterson Trustees  
of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the Fish House of the Second part  
Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration  
that the said parties of the Second part or their Successors in office as Trust-  
ees of the said Church or Society shall well and truly keep and perform  
all the covenants and conditions hereinafter mentioned to be kept and  
performed by them, have granted bargained and sold and by these pre-  
sents to grant bargain and sell unto, the said parties of the Second part and  
to their Successors in office as Trustees of the said Church aforesaid so  
long as they shall use the same for the uses and purposes hereinafter menti-  
oned. The Lot or piece of land Situate in the Town of Northampton County of  
Fulton and State aforesaid lying on the north side of the Highway leading  
from Fish House to Batchelloville and about midway between the Residences  
of Clark S. Grinnell. and that of Mrs Parmelia Roosevelt and bounded  
as follows: Beginning at the center of said Highway and running thence  
North nine degrees and fifteen minutes East one hundred and fifty three  
feet and four inches to a stake. Thence South Eighty Three degrees East one  
hundred and twenty six feet to a stake. Thence South Six degrees West one  
hundred and fifty nine feet to the center of said Highway thence along the  
center of said Highway one hundred and thirty eight feet to the place of  
beginning containing one half acre of Land in the same more or less  
reserving the Stone in the wall now standing upon said Lot The Cove-  
nants and conditions aforesaid shall apply to and bind the heirs Executors,  
administrators and assigns of the parties of the first part. - The parties of  
the Second part in consideration of the premises, and the sum of one dollar  
to them in hand paid by the parties of the first part. the receipt whereof is  
herby confessed, hereby covenants and agree to and with the parties of the  
first part. their heirs assigns, and legal representatives as follows: First  
to use the lot of land hereinbefore described for the purpose of erecting and  
maintaining a church and parsonage thereon, and improving, ornament-  
ing and cultivating said lot for said purposes, and for no other purpose  
Second: that they will erect or cause to be erected, and finished in a work-  
manlike manner a church building or house for public worship upon

Said Lot within three years from the date hereof. The superstructure of which building shall cost not less <sup>than</sup> fourteen hundred dollars and shall be constructed according to a plan or drawing & specifications to be procured by the second parties from Jared C. Morkham or some other professional architect, who is disinterested or between the parties

Third: the ground or lot aforesaid shall be properly graded and the foundation laid in a workmanlike manner before the superstructure is placed thereon, and the second parties shall within three years erect a suitable and substantial fence upon the north east and west sides of said lot, and maintain the same so long as said lot shall be used for the purposes aforesaid

Fourth: that if the second parties shall fail to erect or finish said church building within three years from the date hereof or if the said church building shall be destroyed, and shall not be rebuilt within two years thereafter in manner and at a cost not less than fourteen hundred dollars as aforesaid, or if the second parties shall fail to keep and perform any other of the covenants, or conditions hereinbefore mentioned to be kept and performed by them or their successors in office as trustees of the said Methodist Episcopal Church as Fish House then the said lot and premises shall revert to the parties of the first part their heirs, or assigns, and all right or title to the same by said trustees or church shall cease and be void

William Stocum (Esq) Sally Stocum (Esq) Sealed and delivered in presence of H. J. Voorhes

State of New York  
 Milton County

On this thirteenth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight before me the subscriber appeared William Stocum and Sally his wife to me personally known to be the same persons described in and who executed the within instrument who severally acknowledged that they executed the same and the said Sally on a private examination by me apart from her husband acknowledged that <sup>she</sup> executed the same freely and without any fear or compulsion of her said husband

George Pease Justice of the Peace  
 Recorded January 11<sup>th</sup> 1860 at 3 1/2 30m. P.M

M. Wade Clerk

**Northampton United Methodist Church  
at Fish House, New York  
1605 South Shore Road, Fish House, NY  
PO Box 455, Broadalbin, NY 12025**

Northampton Historic Landmark Commission  
Historic Landmark Designation  
c/o Mr. Lew Giles  
125 Old Fish House Road  
Broadalbin, New York 12025

August 2, 2009

To Members of the Landmark Commission:

After a presentation by Mr. Lew Giles, enthusiastic discussions, and a unanimous vote on 11 June 2009 by the members of the Administrative Board of the Northampton United Methodist Church at Fish House, New York, we, as a church, desire the designation as a Northampton Historic Landmark.

The proposal was submitted to the entire congregation on two consecutive Sundays and the support from the entire church body was also unanimous.

Please do consider our application and proposal.

In Christ's abundant love,



Jerry Oliver, Pastor

Northampton United Methodist Church

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Town of Northampton Historic Landmark Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, 412 South Main Street, Northville, NY. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider designating the Fish House Methodist Church as a Historic Landmark of the Town of Northampton. Public input is welcome.

JUL-94 7/30

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Finding and Decision  
of the  
Village of Northville – Town of Northampton  
Historic Landmark Commission

Regarding  
The Methodist Episcopal Church at Fish House  
1605 County Highway 110  
Broadalbin, NY 12025

Application  
By  
Lewis Giles

August 11, 2009

1. The Historic Preservation Ordinance (Ordinance) of the Town of Northampton empowers and charges the Historic Landmark Commission (Commission) to periodically revise the Designated Landmarks Register (Register) by adding properties; and
2. The original deed on file at the Fulton County Courthouse which indicates the property on which the church building stands was sold to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Fish House on April 13, 1858; and
3. An excerpt from F. W. Beers 1878 *History of Montgomery and Fulton Counties* which states “The Methodist Episcopal Church at Fish House was organized in 1859; and
4. An 1868 Gazetteer map which shows the “ME Ch” in its current location; and
5. The Church’s informal history states construction was begun in 1859; and
6. A public hearing was held by the Commission on August 11, 2009, to consider the appropriateness of this listing, and no arguments against addition of this property to the Register were heard.

Finding: The Commission finds that the Methodist Episcopal Church at Fish House is over fifty years of age and possesses sufficient historic integrity; and that this Greek Revival style church represents historic architecture in the Town of Northampton.

Therefore, it is the decision of the Commission that the subject property, the Methodist Episcopal Church at Fish House, be added to the Historic Landmarks Register effective immediately.

Motion to adopt finding by Lewis Giles, Second by Barbara Spaeth; in favor:

Bosch \_\_Y\_\_, Cramer \_\_Y\_\_, Decker \_(abs)\_, Giles \_\_Y\_\_, Monster \_\_Y\_\_, Spaeth \_\_Y\_\_, Taylor \_\_Y\_\_

