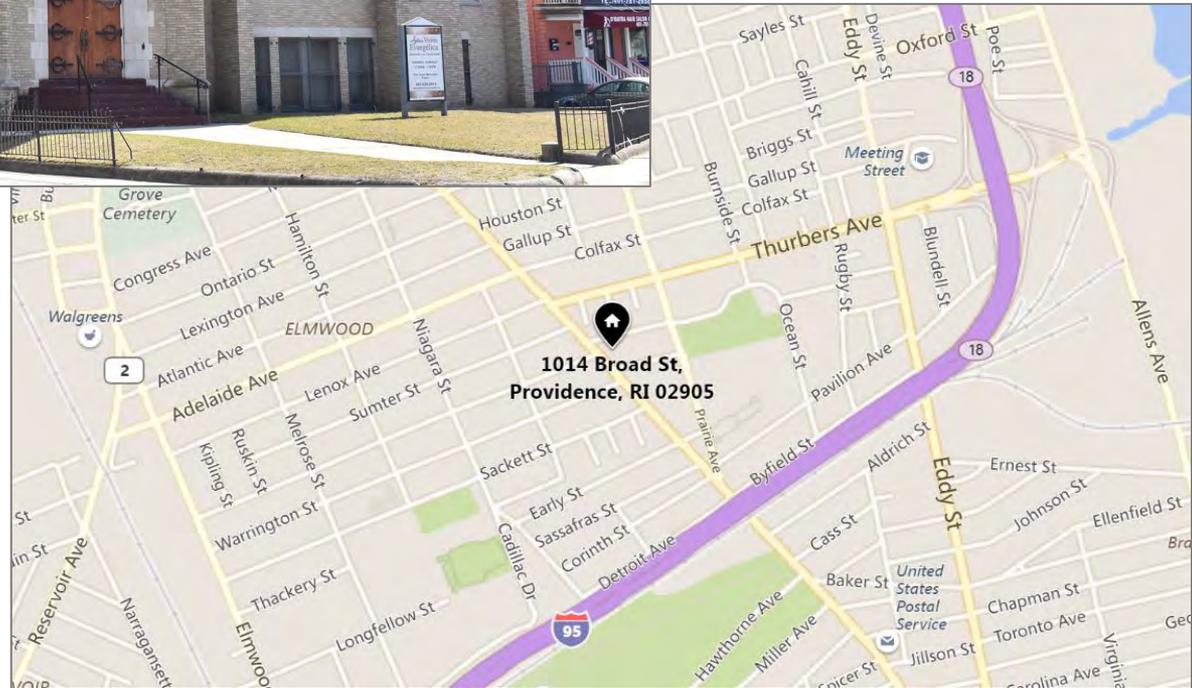




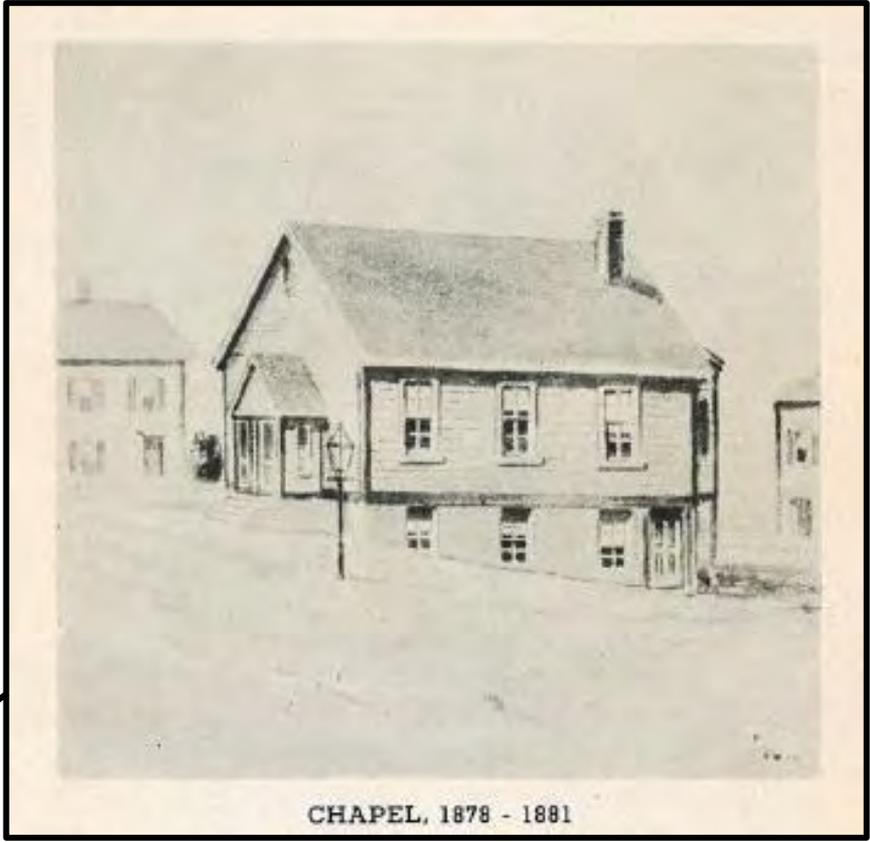
Plymouth Congregational Church

1014 Broad Street
Providence





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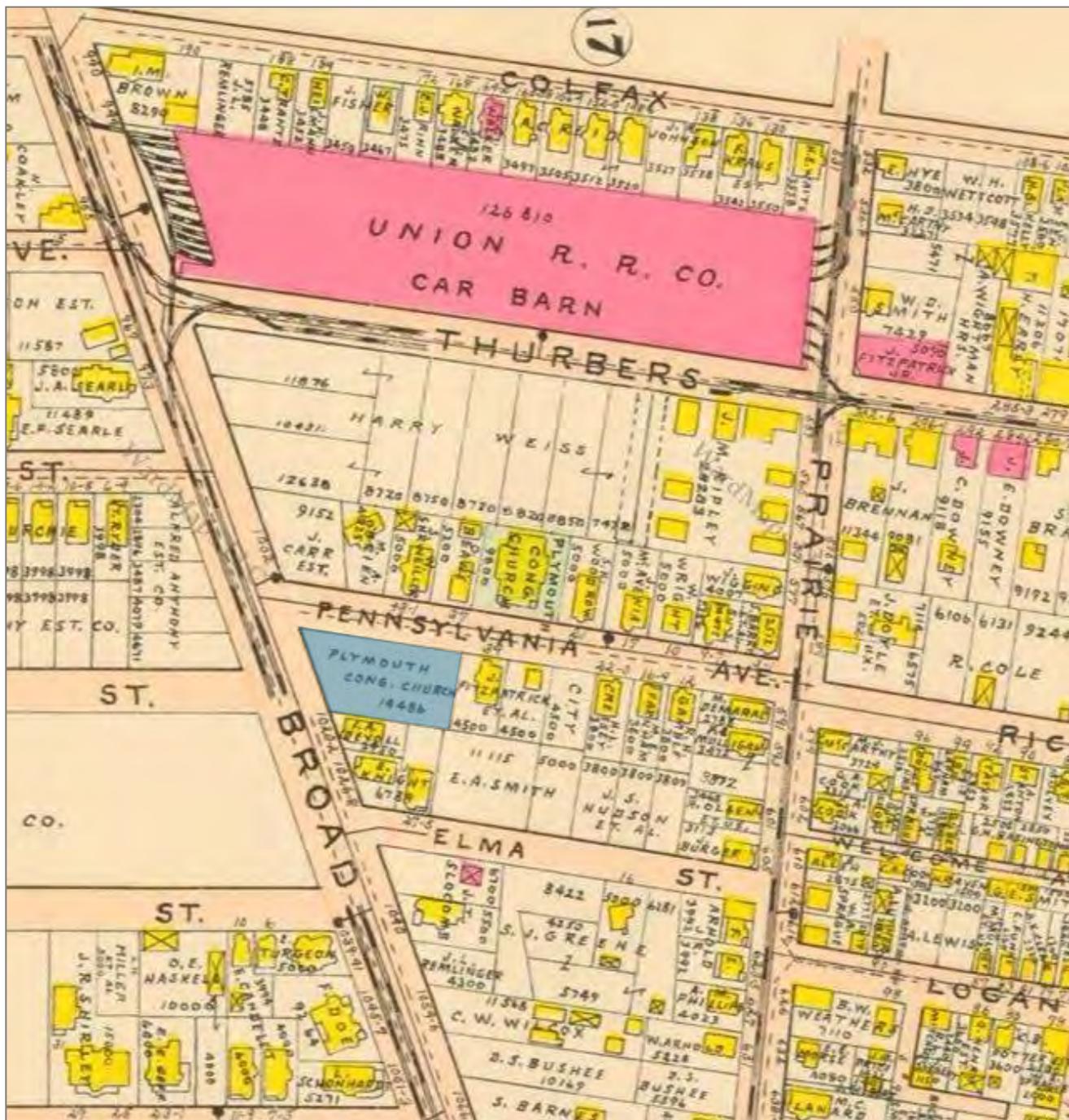


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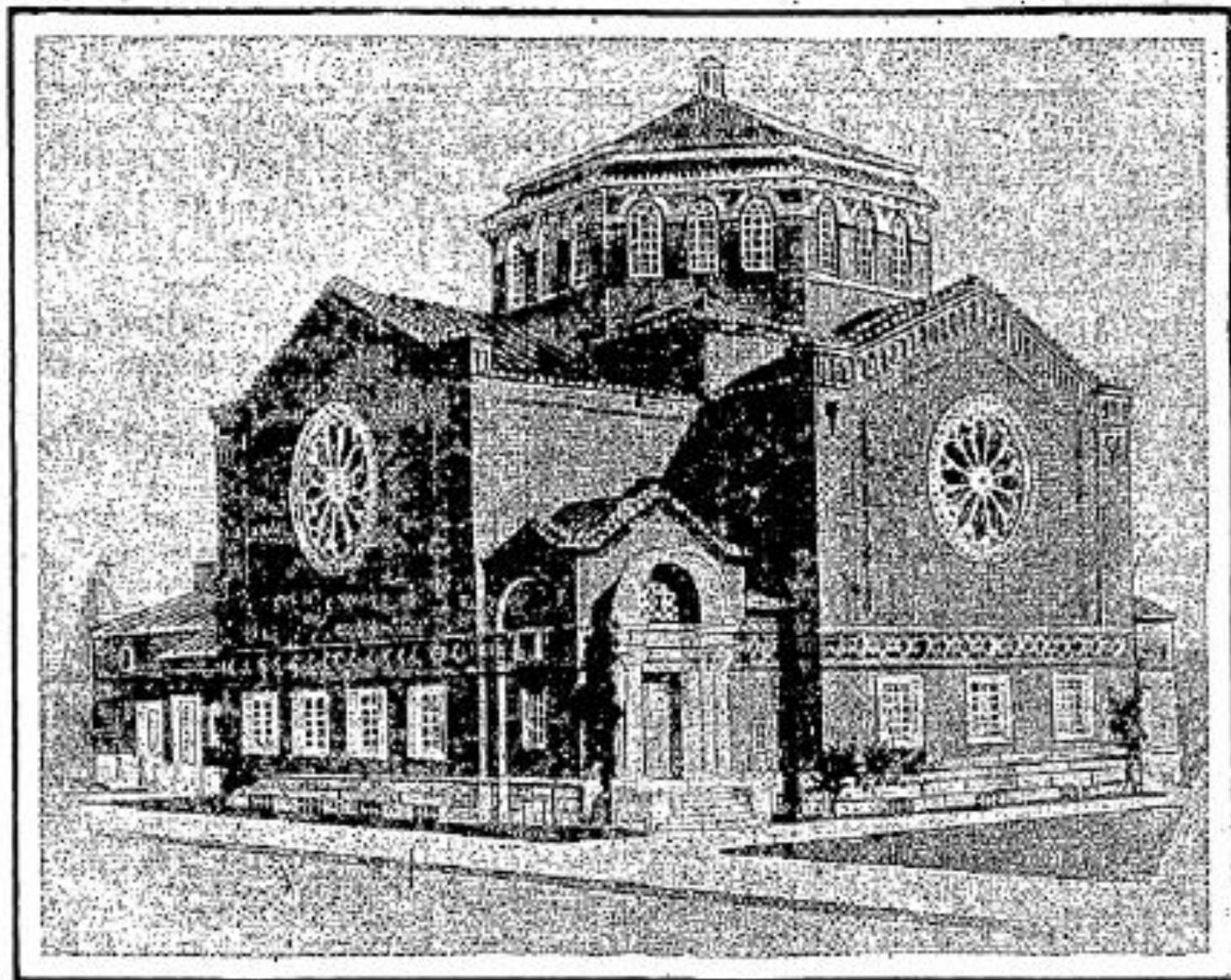


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L.J. Richards, *Atlas of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, 1908*

New Church Planned by Plymouth Congregation.



GROUND IS BROKEN FOR NEW CHURCH

**Plymouth Congregational Mem-
bers Hold Ceremonies.**

PASTOR TURNS THE FIRST SOD

**Clergymen, Members of Congrega-
tion and Children Assist in Exer-
cises Held on Lot at Broad Street
and Pennsylvania Avenue.—Edi-
fice to Cost \$45,000.**

May 5, 1915

PLYMOUTH CHURCH CORNERSTONE LAID

**Rev. Edward L. Marsh, Pastor,
Performs Ceremony.**

LARGE AUDIENCE PRESENT

**Exercises Follow Morning Worship
in Old Edifice Where Historical
Services Are Conducted.—New
Structure to Cost \$45,000 of
Which \$21,000 is Pledged.**

June 21, 1915

Plymouth Congregational Church Dedicates New Building

ALMOST on its first birthday--within four days thereof, the Plymouth Congregational Church will to-day dedicate its new house of worship at the corner of Broad street and Pennsylvania avenue. This beautiful edifice of English Gothic architecture is a distinct addition to the church property that has been developed in that part of Providence within the last few years.

Built of mottled gray brick and trimmed with limestone cut in the severely plain lines of that style of architecture, it challenges attention and holds admiration.

The dedicatory services will begin at 10 o'clock this morning, the sermon being preached by the pastor, Rev. Edward L. March, communion service following. In the evening there will be an organ recital by Prof. Edwin H. Wilde, organist of St. Stephen's Church, to be followed by the dedication of the new organ, with the sermon by Rev. Samuel H. Woodward, D. D., a former pastor, now of St. Louis, Mo. To-morrow afternoon and evening the building will be

built. The first one was a small chapel which served the purposes of the infant congregation from 1878 to 1881. The second one, now standing on Pennsylvania avenue, was recently sold to the Norwegian-Danish M. E. Church.

The cornerstone for the new edifice was laid June 20, 1915, and the shell only was built, a long wait being necessary on account of the shortage of building materials and labor and the greatly enhanced cost of all building operations. The old church was sold last spring and the vestry was used for regular Sunday services. As the new owners of the old building were anxious to get possession, that makeshift had to be resorted to, and times becoming easier, the completion of the structure was pushed.

The new edifice is 98 feet long, 61 feet wide, and the height of the main portion is 42 feet. Its interior is arranged entirely different from the plan almost invariably followed with church buildings, for the auditorium is at the rear end of the structure instead of occupying the front portion. By this arrangement the

March 2, 1919



PLYMOUTH-UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
BROAD STREET AND PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

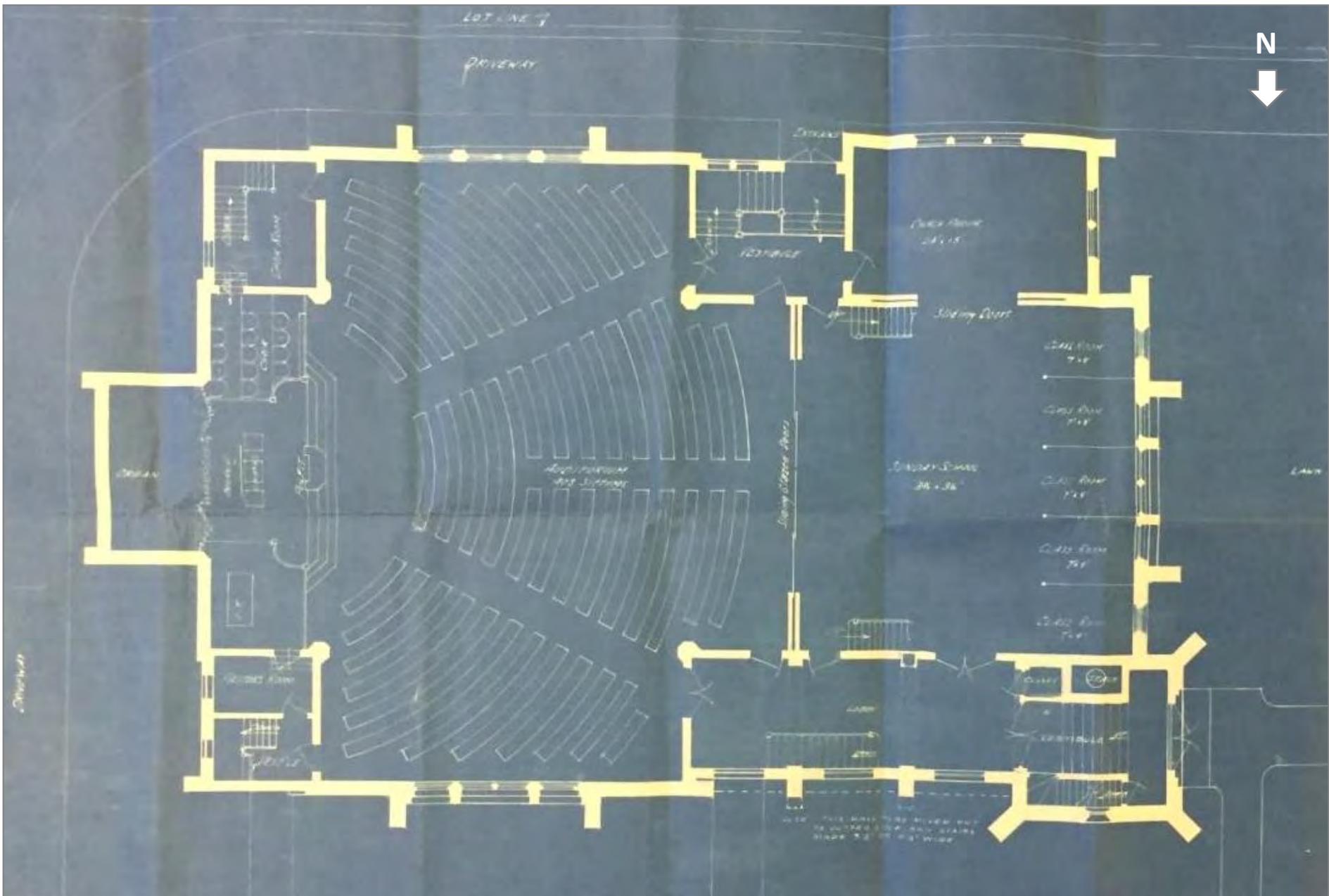
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Plymouth Cong. Church

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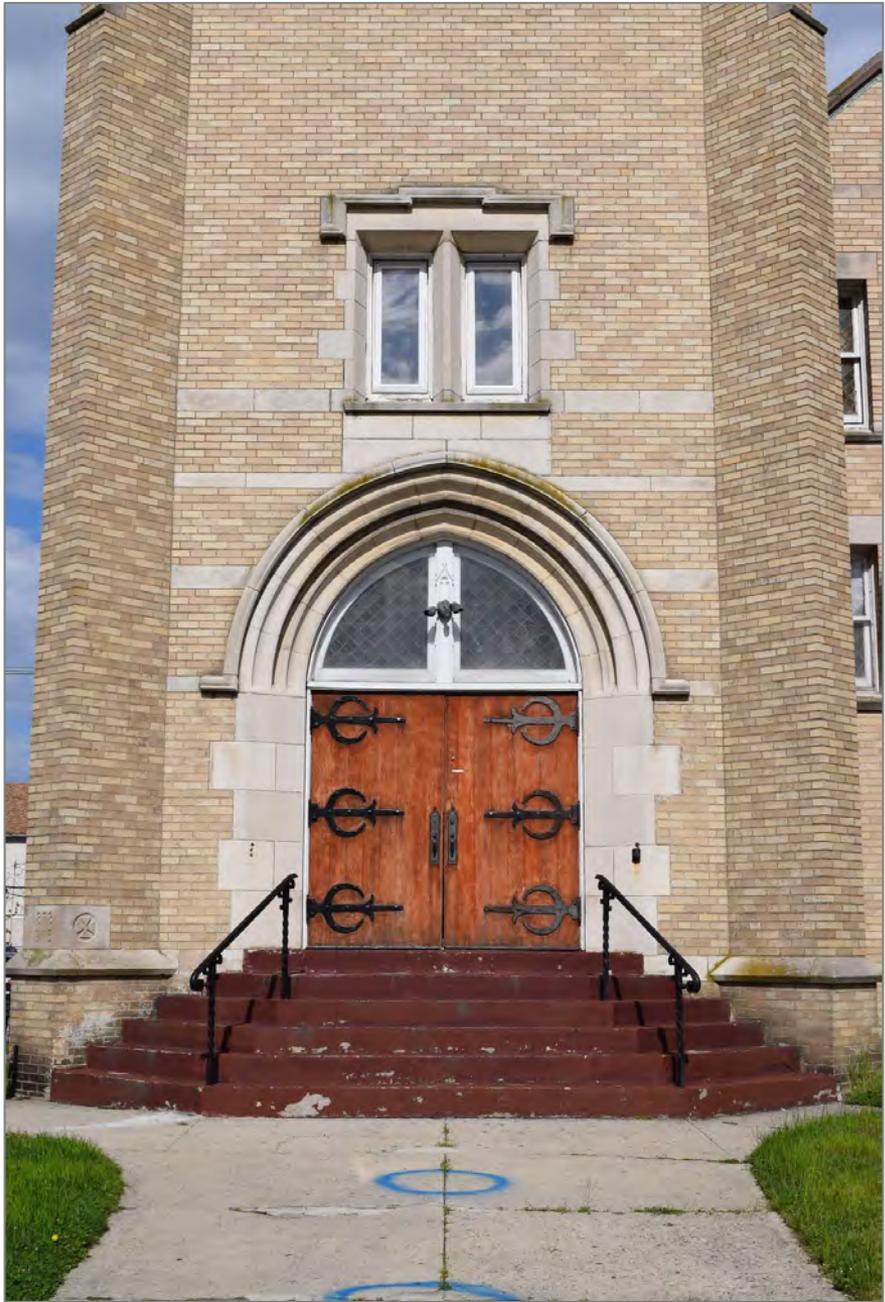
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First-floor Plan for Plymouth Congregational Church by George F. Newton, n.d.



west (front) and north elevations



west (front) elevation





west (front) elevation



north and west (front) elevations



north entrance



north and east (rear) elevations



south elevation (looking west)



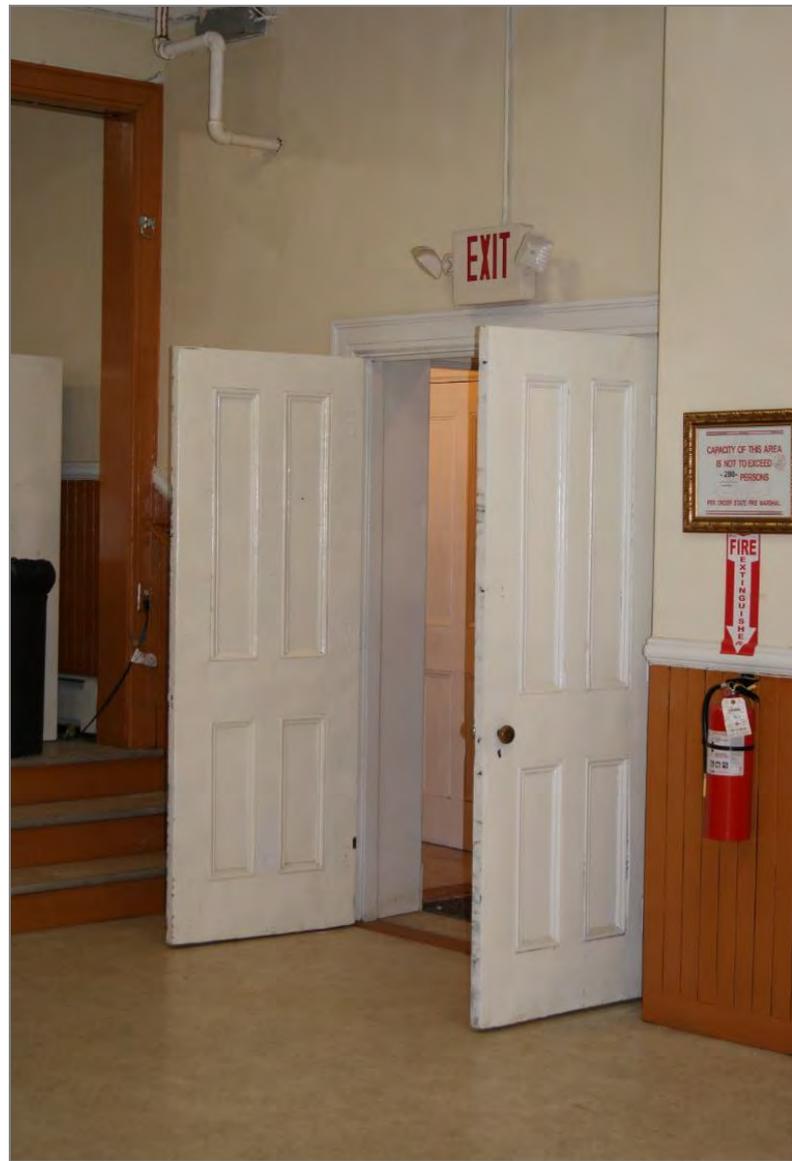








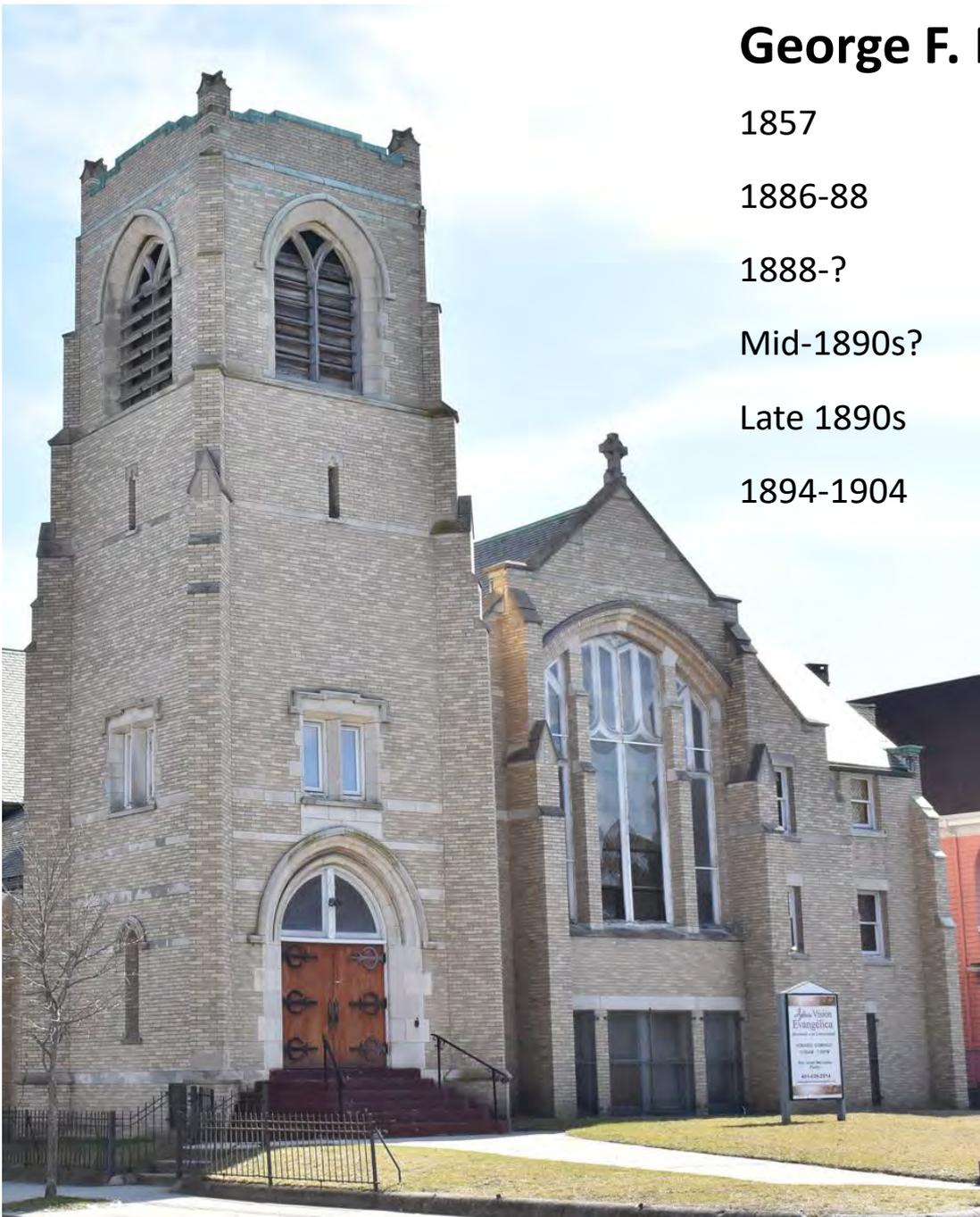






George F. Newton (1857-1947)

1857	Born in Boston
1886-88	Rotch Scholarship, École des Beaux-Arts
1888-?	Peabody & Stearns
Mid-1890s?	Blackall & Newton
Late 1890s	Established own firm
1894-1904	Instructor at Harvard





Congregational Church of Wellesley Hills
Wellesley, MA (1901-02)



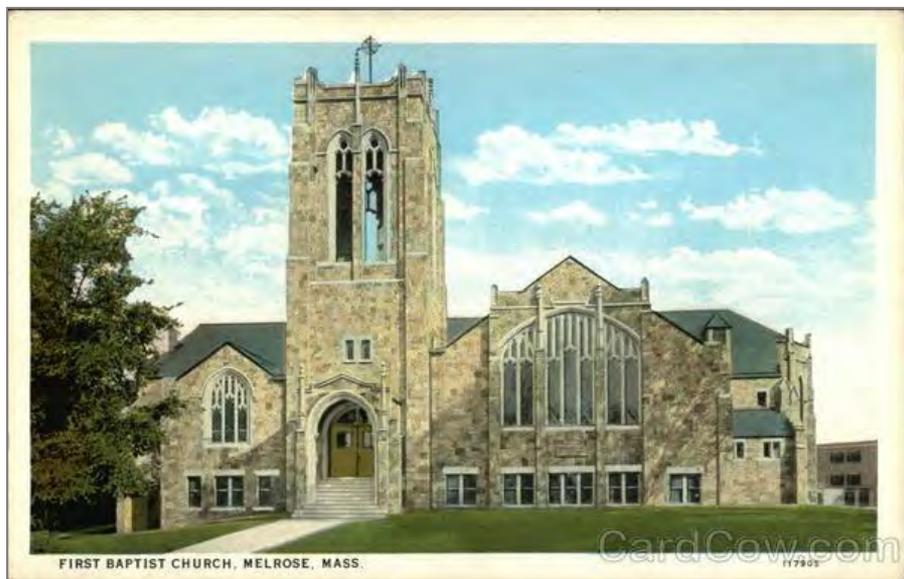
Second Congregational Church
Attleboro, MA (1902)



Newton Highlands Congregational Church
Newton, MA (1905-06; NR District)



North Presbyterian Church
Buffalo, NY (1906)



First Baptist Church
Melrose, MA (1907; NR District)



First Parish Universalist Church
Malden, MA (1909)



First Baptist Church
Chelsea, MA (1909; NR District)



Clifftondale United Methodist Church
Saugus, MA (1915)



**PLYMOUTH-UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
BROAD STREET AND PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE**

1919-

CHURCHES UNITE AT LOVE FEAST

Plymouth Congregational Parish
Accords Welcome to Mem-
bers of Union Society.

PASTORS PRAISE MERGER

February 5, 1927

CHURCH WILL LET BOTH PASTORS GO

Plymouth-Union Votes to Accept
Resignations of Minister
and Associate.

DISSENSION IS DISCLOSED

Rev. Hugh Penney's Statement Says
He Could Not Get Co-operation
of Rev. Theodore Bacheler

January 18, 1928

Blacks Take Title to White Church

By **ROBERT D. WHITAKER**
Journal-Bulletin Religion Editor

The vision of a white congregation and its pastor became a reality for a black congregation and its pastor yesterday as the former held its last service and turned its house of worship over to the latter.

The transfer took place at a joint service of the Plymouth-Union Congregational Church and the black Holy Cross

Church of God in Christ in the Plymouth-Union building at 1014 Broad St.

It was the last service at that location, too, for the small Central Christian Church, an independent group of about 25 persons who have been worshipping with the Plymouth-Union congregation since 1968. Believing in Communion every Sunday, the Central Christians had their own Communion services

three Sundays a month and joined with the Congregationalists once a month.

Yesterday's service was conducted by the Rev. J. Wesley Prince, Plymouth-Union pastor; the Rev. Clarence E. Farrow, pastor of the 260-member Holy Cross Church, and the Rev. Frederick C. Gilbert, minister of the Central Christian Church.

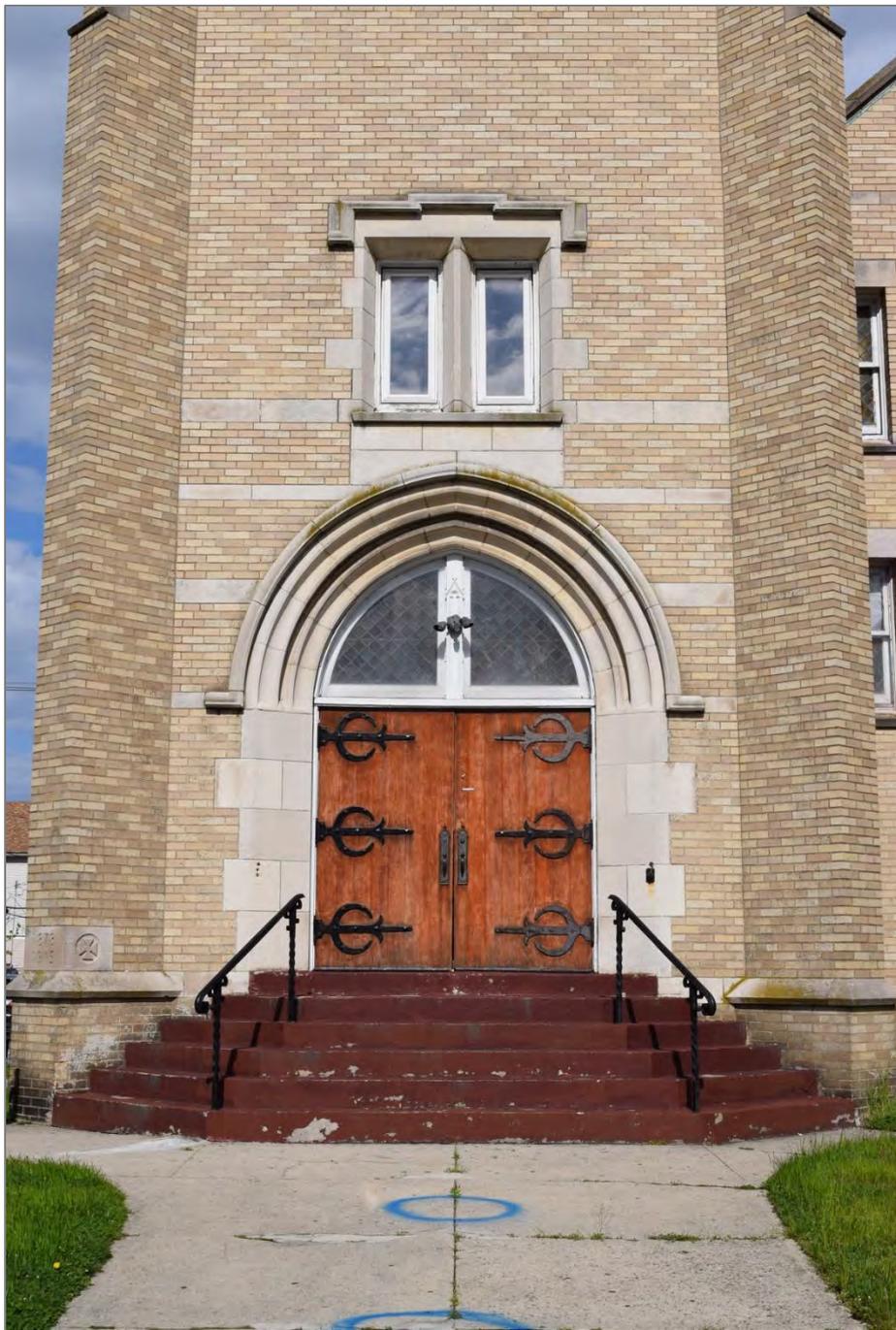
The Rev. R. Vernon Law-
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Presenting the keys to the church building to the Rev. Clarence E. Farrow (r), pastor of Holy Cross Church of God in Christ, was Louis Simmons, custodian for many years.

—Journal-Bulletin Photo

December 27, 1971



Plymouth Congregational Church

1014 Broad Street, Providence

Criterion C for Architecture

Criteria Consideration A
a religious property deriving primary significance from architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance

High degree of integrity
location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, association

Period of Significance: 1915-1944