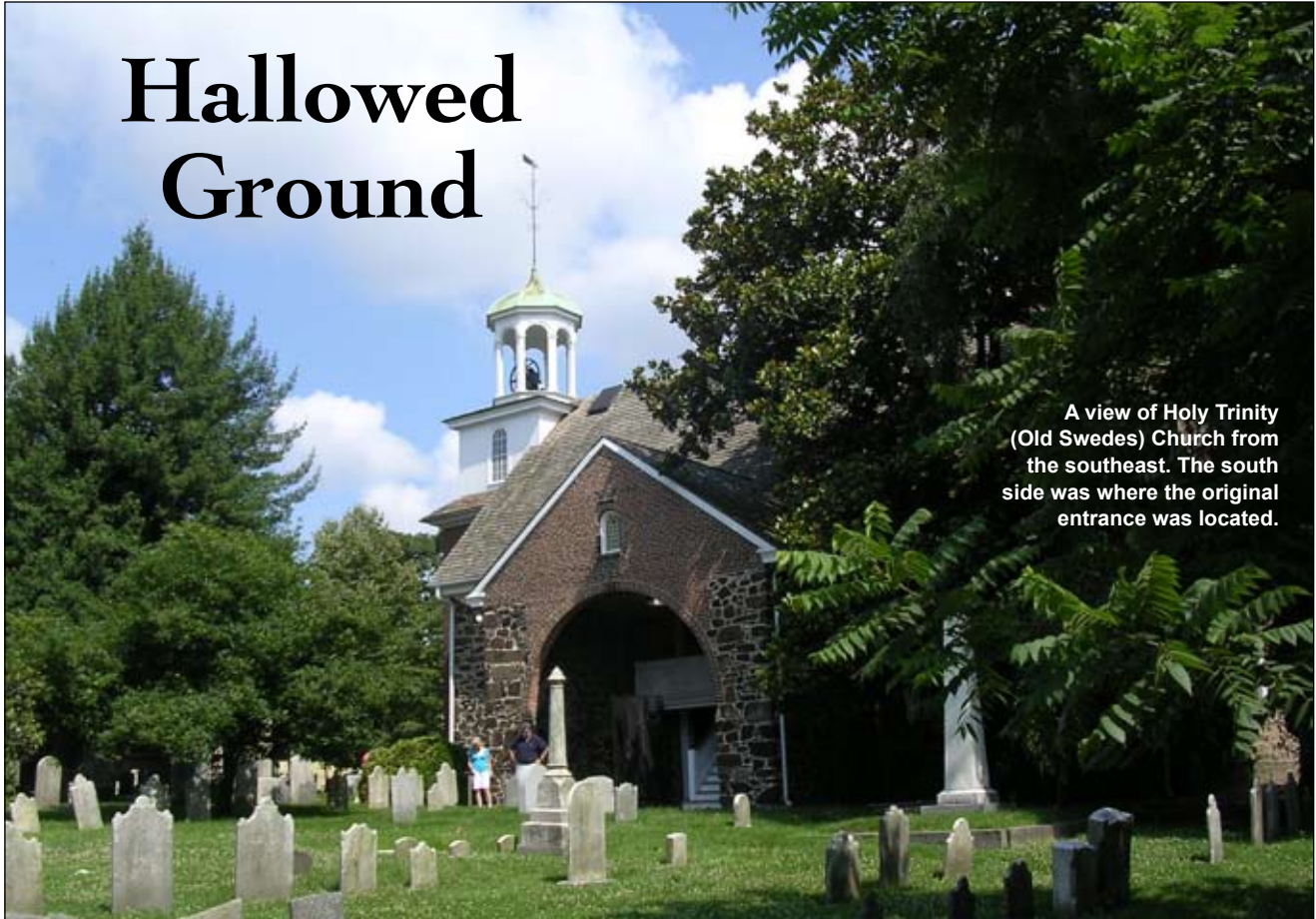


Hallowed Ground



A view of Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church from the southeast. The south side was where the original entrance was located.

Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church was built in 1699 and is on record as the oldest church in continuous use in the United States. The earliest known Stidham* buried on its grounds is Elizabeth Stedham (d. 9 Nov 1717; no headstone), wife of Hindric Stedham, though there is undoubtedly many more lying anonymously throughout the graveyard and unknown to us today due to the erosion of markers such as wood or other perishable materials, and incomplete record keeping by the early church pastors.

The family's patriarch, Dr. Timen Stiddem, died in 1686, 13 years before this church and its location were established and is more than likely not buried anywhere on the grounds. The exception would be if his body was moved here many years after his death from one of three more likely burial locations: 1. The earlier Crane Hook Church burying ground; 2. The Stidham burying ground near the old Crane Hook Church; 3. On the grounds of his old homestead near

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14th and Poplar Streets in Old Wilmington, which today no longer exists.

Of the 64 known Stidhams* buried there, 24 are Stedhams, but only four have existing headstones with burial locations known, the remaining are not on the master plot plan; 40 are Stidhams, and all but two having existing headstones and known burial locations. It is assumed that all Stidhams* listed are either descendants of Timen Stiddem, or married to someone who was and took on the Stidham* name at marriage, yet there's many buried here that we aren't exactly sure as to where they fit into the family tree. Where we are certain as to the identity of individuals listed, the number in brackets accompanying their name signifies that person's descendant number from the book, *The Descendants of Dr. Timothy Stidham, Vol. 1*, by Jack Stidham, 2001.

The Timen Stiddem Society is a life member of the Old Swedes Foundation and has a young tree planted on the grounds in memory of the society, as noted on a plaque at its base.

The following Stidhams* are taken from the Index of Burials at Old Swedes Church, giving the:

- Name
- Date(s)
- Relationship (if known)
- Lot No. (if known)
- Permit No. (if applicable)
- Reference source and page number from one of the following:

A=Original Old Swedes "Kyrko Bok," 1750-1886

B=Horace Burr's translation of above, 1713-1799

C=Small black registry of permits 1114-1472, 1914-1945

D=1899 burials listed by lot number, 1749-1913+

E=Register No. 1 (or E), 1886-1891

F=Register No. 2 (or F), 1891-1895

G=Register No. 3 (or G), 1895-1903

H=Register No. 4 (or H), 1904-1912

J=Register No. 5, 1913-1933

K=Register No. 6, 1933-1992

L=1899 Cemetery Survey (Post Binder), all

M=Trinity Episcopal Register, 1992 on

Note: **Lot numbers in bold** in each individual's entry correspond to numbers on map page 9. Family groups are separated by a blank space.

Stedham, John S.; b. 1797; d. 22 Feb 1828; **Lot 852;** D 102

Stedham, Rebecca; b. 1746; d. 27 Dec 1791; wife of Joseph; **Lot 851;** D 102

Stedham, Rev. Joseph; b. 1742; d. 22 Apr 1791; **Lot 850;** D 102

Stidham, John [136]; b. 1766; d. 10 Jun 1839; **Lot 476;** D 56

Stidham, Abigail; b. 1764; d. 11 Jan 1840; wife of John [136]; **Lot 477;** D 56

Stidham, David [229]; b. 1799; d. 16 Oct 1839; son of J and A; **Lot 478;** D 56

Stidham, Elizabeth; b. 1802; d. 19 Oct 1888; wife of David [229] (same headstone); **Lot 478;** Permit 382; E 116

Stidham, Ann G.; b. 1776; d. 4 Nov 1830; wife of Joseph [146]; **Lot 319;** D 38

Stidham, Joseph [146]; b. 1862; d. 20 Sep 1863; **Lot 320;** Permit 404

Stidham, Annie B. [554]; b. 1853; d. 9 May 1918; **Lot 156;** Permit 1185; C 8

Stidham, Sarah R. [556]; b. 1858; d. 11 May 1918; Reinterment (shares headstone with above); **Lot 156;** Permit 1186; C 8

Stidham, Mary Bondale [555]; b. 1857; d. 6 Sep 1861; dau. of Jonas B. [322]; **Lot 156;** Permit 181; A 165; Mary was the third daughter of Jonas Benjain [322] Stidham and his wife, Ellen (Foreman).

Stidham, Josie; age 10 months (no dates); dau. of Jonas B. [322]; **Lot 156;** D 30

Stidham, Jonas B. [322]; b. 1827; d. 29 Nov 1876; **Lot 156;** Permit 10687; D 30

Stidham, Ellen B.; b. 1827; d. 7 Jan 1888; wife of Jonas B [322]. **Lot 156;** Permit 335; D 30

The Timen Stiddem Society Memorial Tree, a Shagbark Hickory sapling planted in the Fall of 1999, now stands about 35 feet tall. See number 1 on map page 9 for location.



Stidham, Catherine; b. 1778; d. 26 Feb 1863; wife of David [138]; **Lot 474;** Permit 355; A 167

Stidham, David [138]; d. 2 Apr 1838; **Lot 475;** A 154

Stidham, Christiana; b. 1744; d. 6 Jan 1786; wife of Cornelius [72]; **Lot 317;** D 38

Stidham, Cornelius [72]; b. 1736; d. 7 Mar 1803; **Lot 318;** D 38

Stidham, Joanna; b. 1758; d. 28 Nov 1789; wife of Lucas [126]; **Lot 334;** D 42

Stidham, Lucas [126]; b. 1756; d. 19 Jan 1803; **Lot 335;** D 42

Stidham, Samuel [262]; b. 1804; d. 9 Feb 1834; **Lot 321;** D 40

Stidham, Jonas [75]; b. 1744; d. 2 Aug 1811; **Lot 322;** D 40

Stidham, Joseph Gregg [259]; b. 1798; d. 29 Sep 1810; **Lot 316;** D 38

Stidham, Susan; b. 1805; d. 10 Sep 1898; wife of Joseph Gregg [259]; **Lot 316A;** L 131

Stidham, Samuel G. [362]; b. 1825; d. 27 Mar 1831; son of Joseph Gregg [259] (shares headstone with mother's); **Lot 316A;** D 38

Stidham, Lillian May; b. 1896; d. 23 Apr 1897; **Lot 1093;** Permit 705

L.S.; **Lot 606;** D 72

Remainder of Stidhams* Without Headstones

Note: comments of known Stidhams* are preceded with an asterisk, information being derived from *The Descendants of Dr. Timothy Stidham*, Vol. 1, by Jack Stidham. All other text is as written in the Burial Index.

Stedham, Adam [29]; d. 9 Dec 1723; B 278; *Adam [29] Stedham was the son of Erasmus (Asmund) [4] Stedham and his wife Margareta Samueldotter (Petersson).

Stedham, Anders; d. 22 Dec 1726; B 300

Stedham, Casparus; d. 4 Jul 1718; L 128

Stedham, Catherine [101]; d. 3 Jul 1718; dau. of Christopher [33]; B 245; *Catherine [101] Stedham was the daughter of Christopher [33] Stedham and his wife Johanna (Van der Culen).

Stedham, Elizabeth; b. 1688; d. 5 Mar 1737; **Lot 831;** B 357

Stedham, Elizabeth; d. 1743; B 383

Stedham, Elizabeth; d. 9 Nov 1717; wife of Hindric [32]; B 242



Old Swedes Walking Tour plaque No. 7: Stidham Family. "The Stidhams were another prominent family in the early days of the New Sweden Colony and Old Swedes," the text begins. It continues with information about Tymen Stidham, the area's first physician, and the Rev. Joseph Stidham who fought in the Revolutionary War. See number 2 on map opposite page.

Stidham, Edmund [244]; b. 1802; d. 29 Jul 1826; **Lot 440;** D 52

Stidham, Peter W. [248]; b. 1780; d. 21 Aug 1821; **Lot 441;** D 52

Stidham, Margaret May; b. 1831; d. 1835; **Lot 697;** D 84

Stidham, Elizabeth; b. 1797; d. 6 May 1832; **Lot 696;** D 84

Stidham, Ingeborg; b. 1690; d. 1 Apr 1748; **Lot 603;** D 72

Stidham, Levi S.; d. 1835; **Lot 605;** D 72

Stidham, Isaac, Sr. [133]; b. 1762; d. 19 Oct 1821; **Lot 607;** A 152

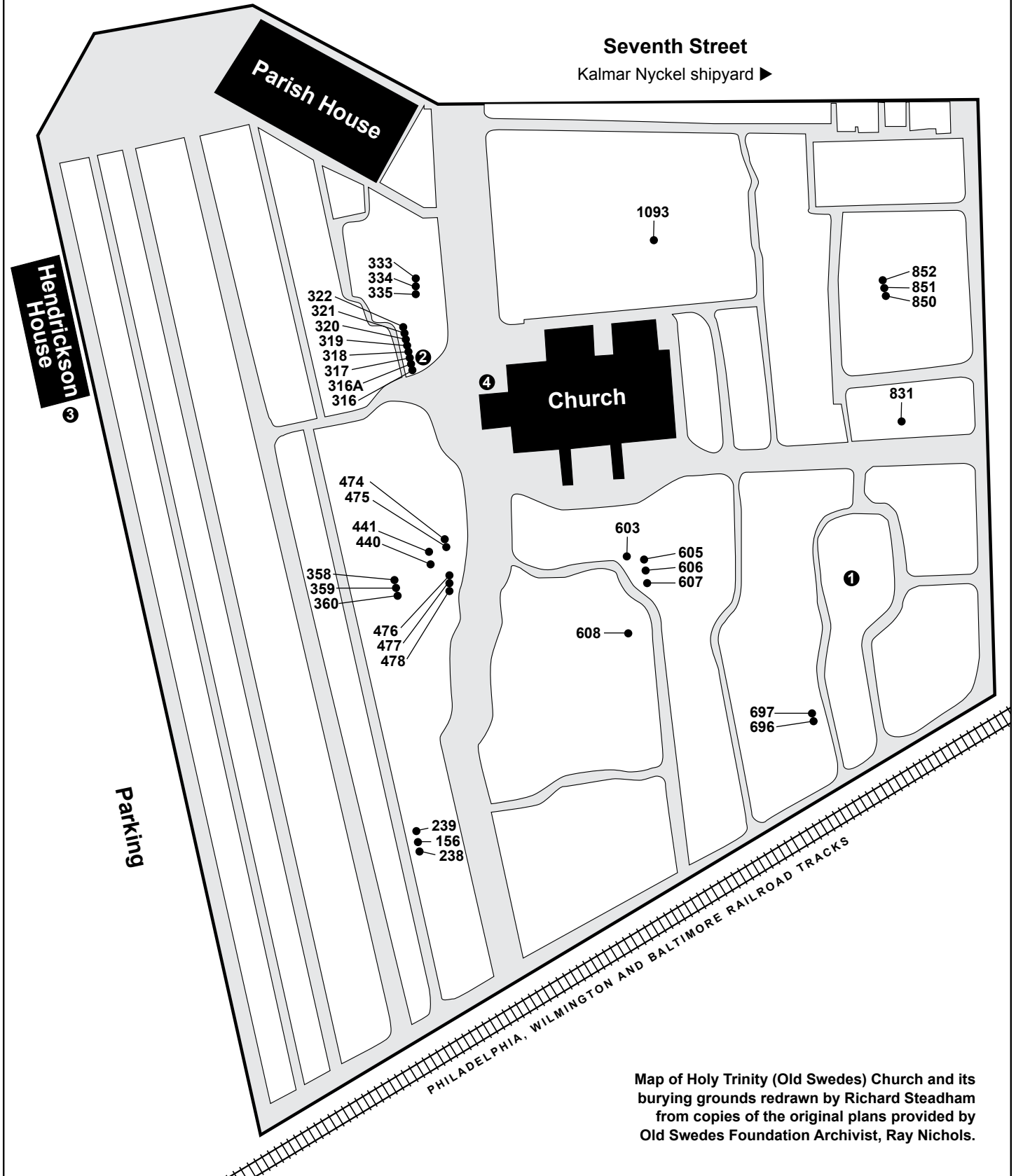
Stidham, Joseph W. [257]; b. 1807; d. 5 May 1831; son of Isaac [142]; **Lot 358;** D 44

Stidham, Sarah; b. 1778; d. 25 Apr 1832; wife of Isaac [142]; **Lot 359;** D 44

Stidham, Isaac [142]; b. 1767; d. 25 Apr 1832; **Lot 360;** D 44

Stidham, William Vaneman [202]; b. 1783; d. 1 Sep 1789; son of Lucas; **Lot 333;** D 42

Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church and Its Burying Grounds



Map of Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church and its burying grounds redrawn by Richard Steadham from copies of the original plans provided by Old Swedes Foundation Archivist, Ray Nichols.



The Hendrickson House, originally built in 1690, was moved to the church grounds in 1958 and restored. Today it serves as a museum of early colonial Swedish life, which includes a gift shop of New Sweden collectables. See number 3 on map page 9.

The Registered National Historic Landmark plaque attached to the wall next to the entrance of the church displays the historical value of the building and its grounds (right). See number 4 on map page 9.

Stedham, Helena; d. 4 May 1724; wife of Erasmus [20]; B 287

Stedham, Isaac; b. 1740; d. 1753; L 128

Stedham, Israel [66b]; d. 15 Feb 1719; son of Erasmus [20]; B 253; *Israel [66b] Stedham was the son of Erasmus (Asmund) Lucasson [20] Stedham and his first wife, Helena (widow of Peter Peterson-Caupeny).

Stedham, Lucas [67]; b. 1726; d. 1753; L 128; *Lucas [67] Stedham was the son of Jonas Lucasson [21] Stedham and his second wife, Helena (Derickson).

Stedham, Lucas, Sr. [3]; d. 8 Dec 1726; B 299 (may be the marker with initials "L.S." in the headstone section)

Stedham, Margaret; d. 1743; B 383

Stedham, Maria [54]; d. 28 Apr 1724; dau. of Lucas, Jr. [18]; B 287; *Maria [54] Stedham was the daughter of Lucas Lucasson [18] Stedham, Jr., and his wife Ingeborg (Jaquet).

Stedham, Maria [66c]; d. 18 Jul 1721; dau. of Erasmus [20]; B 267; *Maria [66c] Stedham was the daughter of Erasmus (Asmund) Lucasson [20] Stedham and his first wife, Helena (widow of Peter Peterson-Caupeny).

Stedham, (no name) [91]; d. 1739; son of Hendricks [32]; B 357; *Cornelius [91] Stedham was the son of Hendrick [32] Stedham and his second wife, Catherine (Vandever).

Stedham, (no name); d. 21 Oct 1735; wife of Hendricks [32]; B 356; *Catherine (Vandever) Stedham, second wife of Hendrick [32] Stedham.

Stedham, (no name) [106a]; d. 1734; child of Christopher [33]; B 356; *Unnamed child of Christopher [33] Stedham and his wife, Johanna (Van der Culen).

Stedham, Timothy [35]; d. 21 Jun 1763; L 128; *Timothy Benedictsson [35] Stedham was the son of Benedictus [6] Stedham and his wife, Margaret Ollesdotter (Thorsson).

Stedham, Timothy [19]; d. 7 Mar 1754; L 128; *Timothy Lucasson [19] Stedham was the son of Lucas [3] Stedham and his wife, Karen/Karin (Tussey).

Stedham, Tobias [81]; b. 1750; d. 1750; son of Asmund [30]; L 128; *Tobias [81] Stedham was the son of Erasmus (Asmund) [30] Stedham, Jr., and his wife, Christina (Hendrickson).

Stidham, Mary; d. 24 Nov 1764; wife of L (?); L 131

Stidham, Mary; b. 1747; d. 1751; L 131

Editor's Note: A web version of this feature is available on the Timen Stiddem Society's website at: http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tstiddem/nav_oldsweedes.html

