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Soliloquy Church
11 Framwood Lane
New Market, VA 22844



A brief History

Built in 1871 and shown in the Lake Atlas 1885 as the Christian Church and dedicated October 15, 1871.

“Rev N.B. Kiracofe was recommended for ordination at the Valley Conference held at Soliloquy church in Shenandoah County, Virginia, and was solemnly set apart to the gospel ministry by the (380) presbytery, on Sunday, 15th of October, 1872”
(From “Lives of Christian Ministers” by P.J. Kernodle, page 380 dated 1909)

In Deed Book 79, page 139 dated 12 September, 1913 in the Shenandoah County records, Jennie F. Kingree and L. Frank Kingree, her husband, sold to the School Board of Lee District No.1 of the county of Shenandoah for \$120 dollars, a certain tract of land, about two miles northeast of New Market. It was also stated that when the school board had no further use for the school, it could be repurchased by the Kingree heirs. This was part of a larger (84 acres)

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lot purchased by Elizabeth Woods, recorded in 1890 after the Circuit Court had been dealing with a court suit over several years when the original purchaser (m. Woods) had not been able to pay the money owed.

It is possible that the Church was used as a school from 1883, after the Woods Chapel/Slate Hill Seminary burned down in January of that year and the School Board finally purchased the land, as stated above, in 1913. Soliloquy School closed in 1938.

The building was purchased by Framwood Farms to be used as a tenant House and the bell and bell tower were removed.

The building is now a private residence since 2008.

Written by Philip Crown from information supplied by Harry E. Long of New Market and also references to Deeds held at the Shenandoah County Courthouse, and also "Schools from Our Past" by Larry Strawderman.

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