

The Stone Monument to the founding members of Christ's Church at Fairfield,
erected by the West Jersey Presbytery on June 15, 1909.



Below is a scan of the bulletin published for the dedication of the monument

Order of Exercises

Mr. P. Kennedy Reeves, of Bridgeton, the Moderator
of the Presbytery of West Jersey, Presiding.

2.00 Prayer.

Rev. Joseph L. Ewing, Pastor of the West Church, Bridgeton.

2.05 Scripture Reading. Psalm 72.

Rev. Heber H. Beadle, Pastor of the Second Church, Bridgeton.

2.10 Hymn.

1 O God of Bethel! by whose hand
Thy people still are fed,
Who, through this weary pilgrimage,
Hast all our fathers led,

2 Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers! be the God
Of their succeeding race.

3 Oh, spread thy covering wings around
Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our Father's loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace.

4 Such blessings, from thy gracious hand,
Our humble prayers implore;
And thou shalt be our chosen God,
Our portion evermore.

2.15 Introductory Statement.

THE HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION OF THE MONUMENT

By Rev. Frederic R. Brace, D. D., Chairman of the Historical
Committee of the Presbytery of West Jersey.

2.35 Report of the Treasurer.

P. Kennedy Reeves, Treasurer of the Historical Committee of
the Presbytery of West Jersey.

2.50 UNVEILING OF THE MONUMENT.

By Miss Bertha May Bateman.

DEDICATORY PRAYER.

Rev. Luther A. Oates, Pastor of the First Church, Bridgeton.

3.00 Hymn.

1 Great God of nations! now to thee
Our hymn of gratitude we raise:
With humble heart and bending knee
We offer thee our song of praise.

2 Thy name we bless, almighty God!
For all the kindness thou hast shown
To this fair land the pilgrims trod—
This land we fondly call our own.

3 Here Freedom spreads her banner wide,
And casts her soft and hallowed ray;
Here thou our fathers' steps did guide
In safety through their dangerous way.

4 Great God! preserve us in thy fear;
In dangers still our guardian be;
Oh, spread thy truth's bright precepts here,
Let all the people worship thee.

3.05 HISTORICAL ADDRESS.

"Rev. Thomas Bridge and the Signers of the Agreement in
Fairfield." By Rev. John E. Peters, Sc. D.

3.35 ADDRESSES OF CONGRATULATION.

Rev. Davis W. Lusk, D. D., Moderator of the Synod of N. J.

Rev. Joseph F. Folsom, Chairman of the Historical Committee of
the Synod of N. J.

Rev. Henry C. McCook, D. D., L. L. D., President of the Presby-
terian Historical Society.

Brief Addresses by the Pastors of the Churches in the region
known as Cohansey.

4.00 ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Doxology.

Benediction.

By Rev. Nelson B. Kline, Pastor of the Fairfield Church.

Inscription on the Monument

IN MEMORY

OF THE TRUE AND GOOD MEN AND WOMEN, WHO, COMING IN THE
SEVENTEENTH CENTURY, FOUNDED HERE ON THE COHANSEY
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN FAIRFIELD

IT CAME UNDER THE CARE OF THE PRESBYTERY, MAY 19, 1708

THIS MONUMENT IS ERECTED BY THEIR DESCENDANTS AND

THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY, JUNE 15, 1909

REV. THOMAS BRIDGE WAS THEIR MINISTER

SIGNERS OF AGREEMENT IN FAIRFIELD, JUNE 10, 1697:

THOMAS JONES	JOHN CHATFIELD
JONATHAN MOREHOUSE	JOHN MILLS
JOSEPH SEELY	THOMAS BENNETT
JOSEPH SAYRE	JOSEPH SMITH
ROBERT DALLGLESH	THOMAS KERNES
JOSEPH WHEELER	JOSHUA CURTIS
DANIEL WESTCOTT	JOHN GRIFFIN
JOSEPH GRIMES	NICHOLAS JOHNSON
JOHN ROBERTS	MICHAEL HANNA
ELEAZER SMITH	JOHN OGDEN
JOHN BENNETT	SAMUEL FOSTER
SAMUEL BELLNAP	EDWARD LUMIS
JOHN BATEMAN	JOHN SMITH

Historical Committee of the Presbytery of West Jersey, to whom was
entrusted the erection of the Monument.

Rev. Frederick R. Brace, D. D., Chairman

Rev. Luther A. Oates

Rev. John E. Peters, Sc. D.

Rev. Joseph L. Ewing, Secretary

Rev. Heber H. Beadle

Morris H. Stratton, Esq.

P. Kennedy Reeves, Treasurer

Thompson Irvin

James H. Elmer

Rev. Allen H. Brown, D. D., served on this
committee till his death on Nov. 5th, 1907

Unveiling and Dedication of the Historical Monument



ERECTED ON THE SITE
OF THE
OLD FAIRFIELD MEETING HOUSE
ON THE BANKS
OF THE COHANSEY RIVER
NEAR FAIRTON, CUMBERLAND CO.,
NEW JERSEY

THE BEGINNING OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN SOUTH JERSEY

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF

The Presbytery of West Jersey

TUESDAY, JUNE 15th, 1909

AT TWO O'CLOCK P. M.



The names on this monument are familiar to the residents of this area with descendants still on the rolls of Fairfield church today.



An early photo of the monument placed near the burial grounds of Christ's Church at Fairfield (Fairfield Presbyterian Church) in 1909.
This site has also been known as New England Town(e) and Cohansey (Cohansie).