

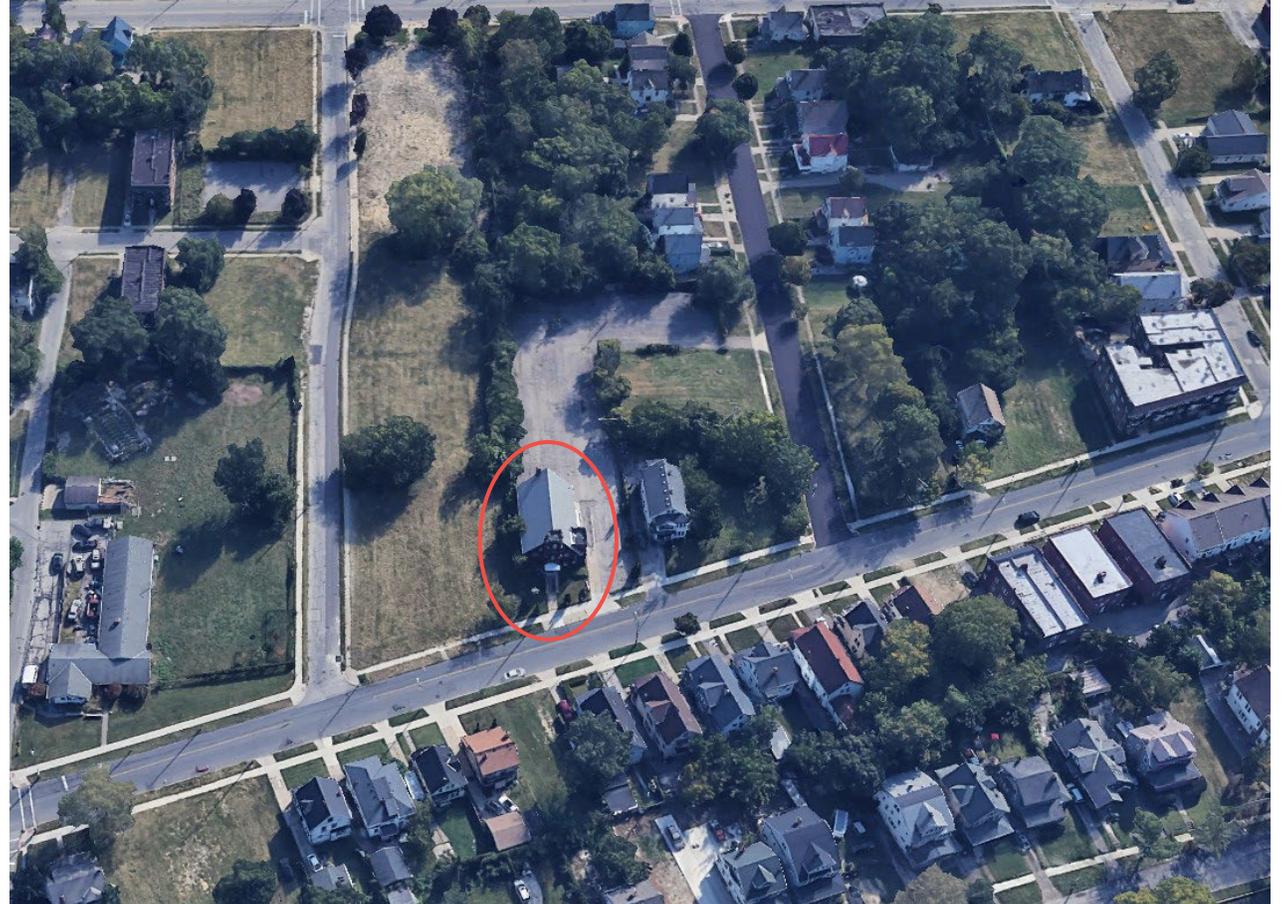
Second Mount Olive Baptist Church (former St. John's Lutheran Church)

757 Eddy Road



Location

- Glenville SPA
- Ward 9
 - Formerly Ward 10 in 2025



Transylvanian Saxons



St John's Lutheran Church

- Rev. Hans (John) Foisel
 - Arrival in 1921
- First meeting – June 4, 1922
- Formal Organization – June 9, 1922
 - 63 members
- Eddy Road property purchased – December 13, 1922





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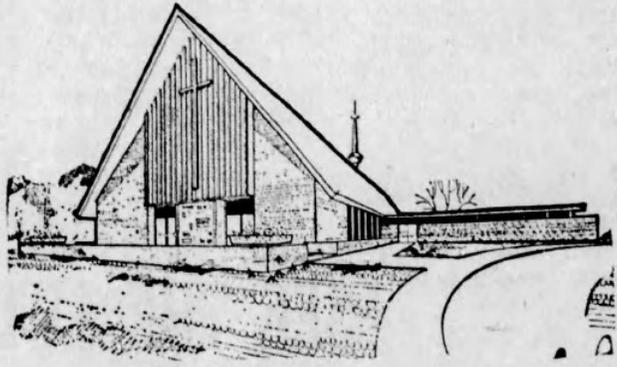
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- Foisel pastor for 37 years
- 1948 – Addition
- May 1960
 - Dr. Henry Hodel
- Relocation to suburbs



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Architect's drawing of new St. John's Lutheran Church, Highland Heights.
(Drawing by Roy D. Murphy & Associates)

Lutherans Will Start Building

Ground is to be broken at 1000 Ford Road, Highland Heights. 3:30 p.m. tomorrow for the new \$160,000 building of St. John's Lutheran Church at

Dr. Henry H. Hodel, pastor, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. John Foisel, who was pastor of the congregation for 37 years prior to his retirement in 1959; Edward R. Schneider, building committee chairman; Michael Melzer, president of the church council, and Mayor Robert L. Barris.

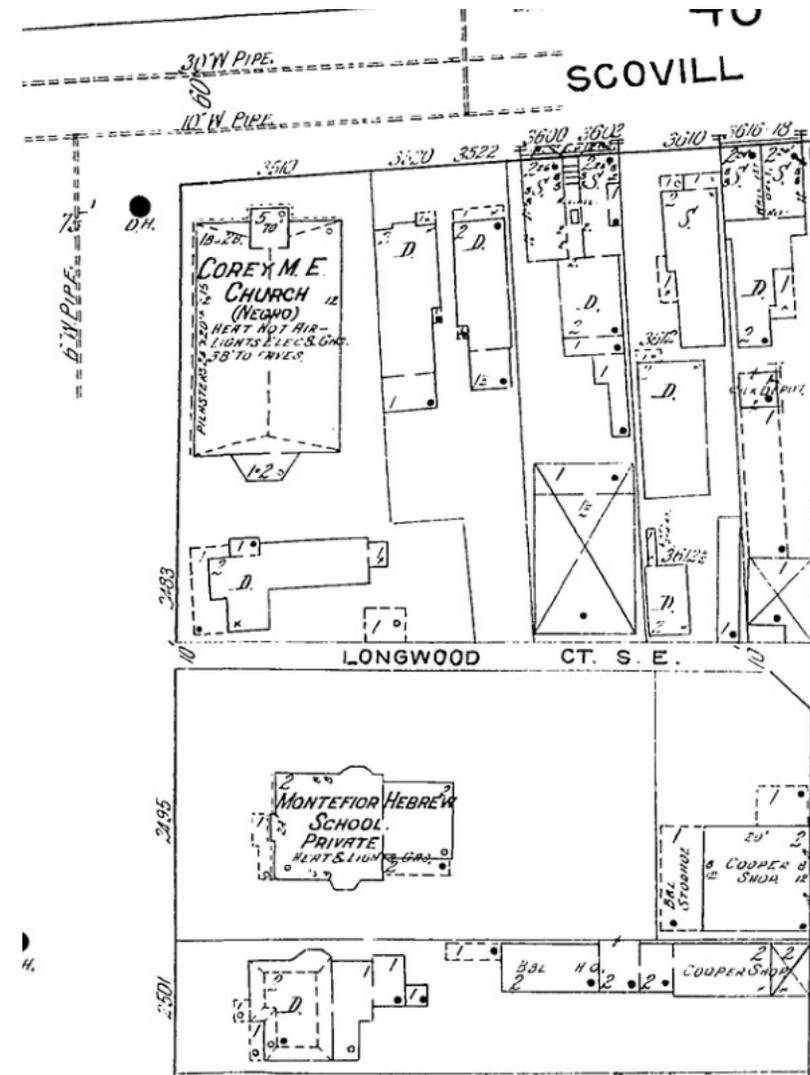
The congregation worshiped for many years at 757 Eddy Road N. E. Services are being held in the South Euclid American Legion Hall, 4511 Laurel Road, pending completion of the new building.

Plain Dealer June 16, 1962



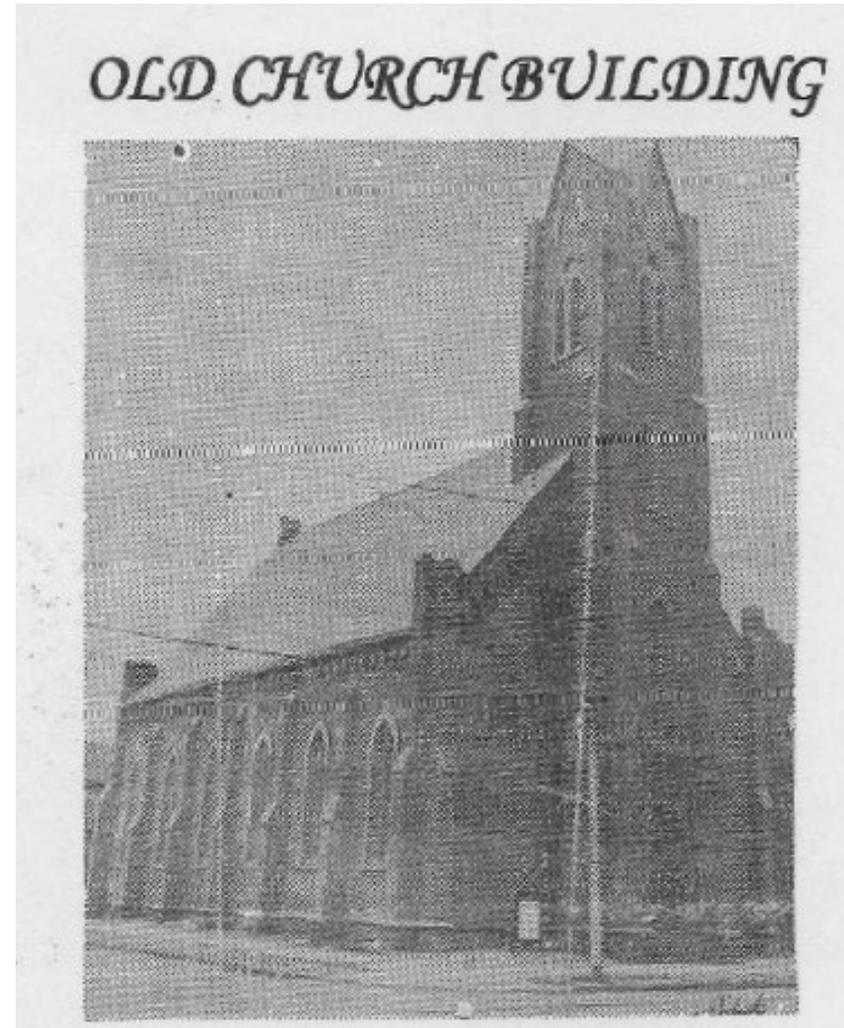
History

- Organized October 18, 1917
 - Eleven Charter Members
- First Great Migration period
 - 1910 – 1940
- Moved briefly to East 35th St

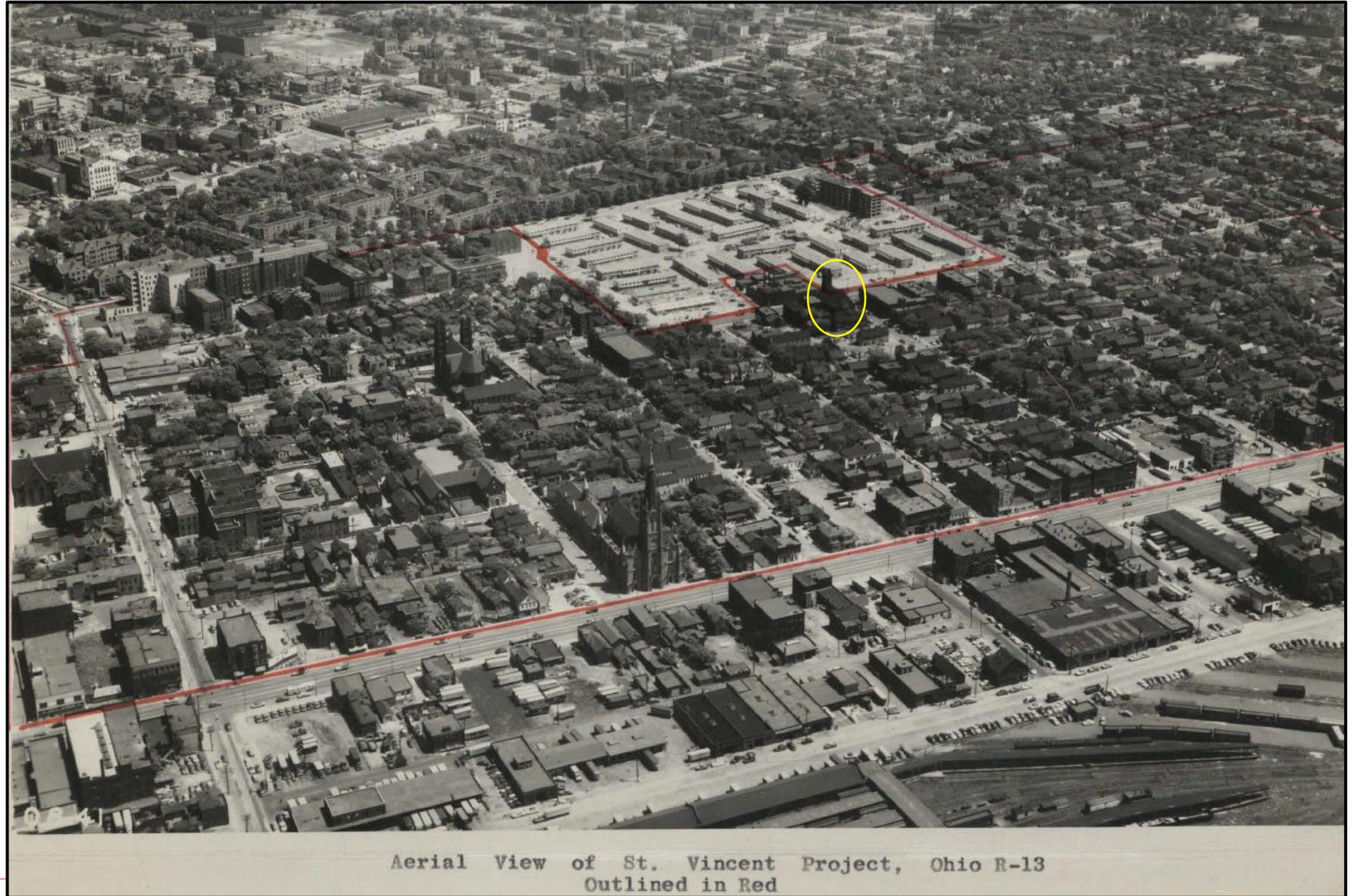


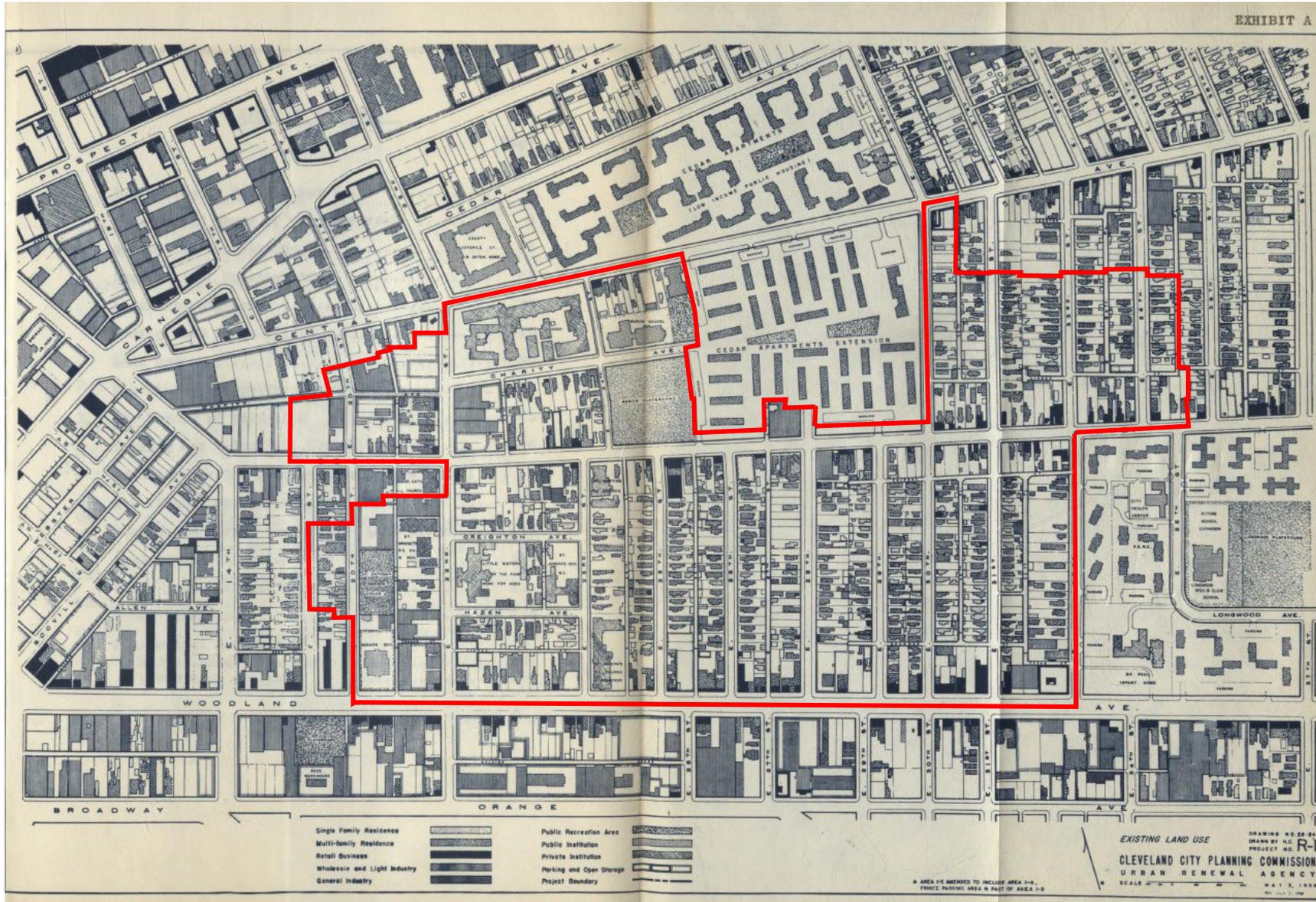
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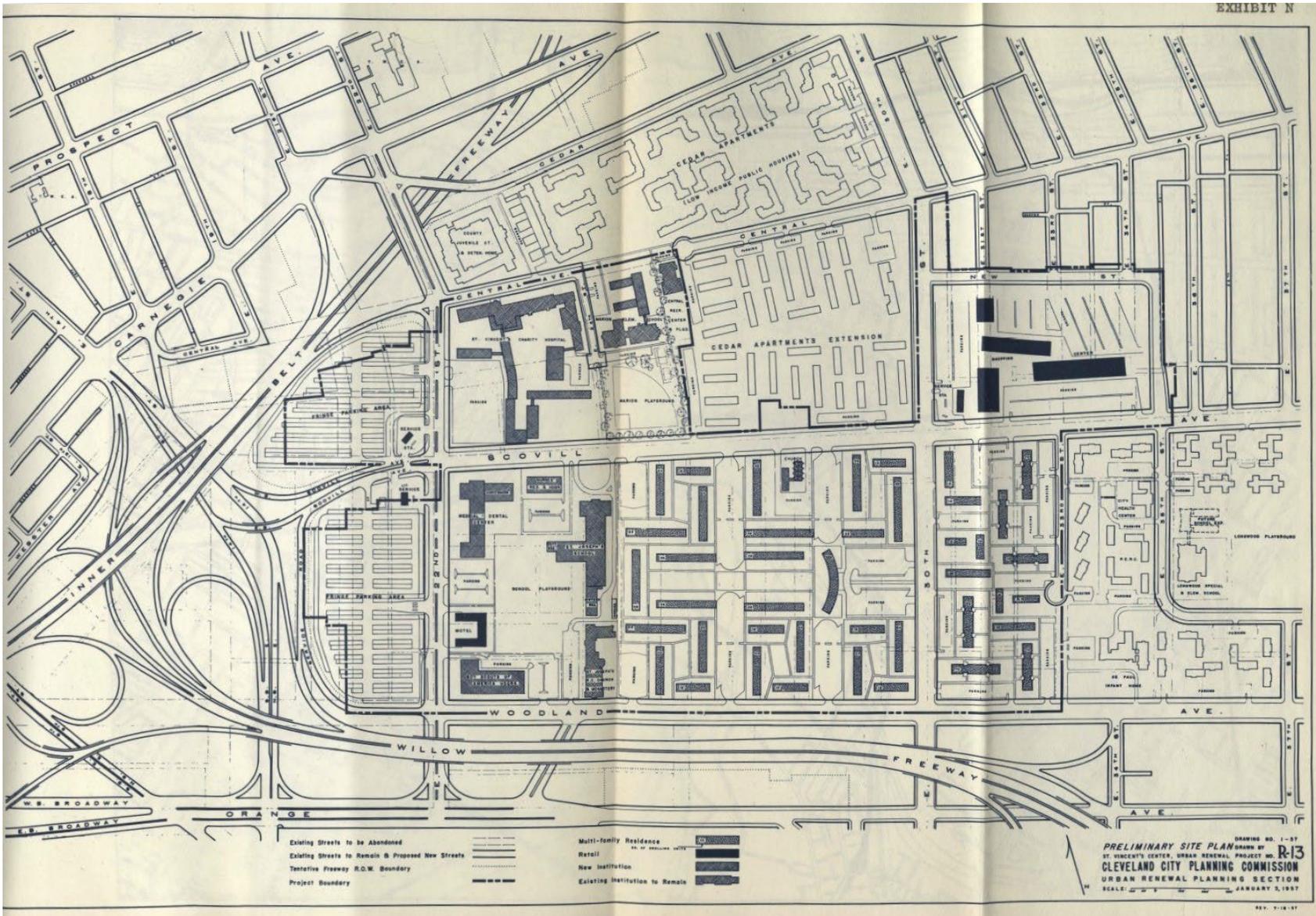
- 1920 – Down payment for church at Scovill and East 28th St.
 - Second German Evangelical Protestant Church of St. Paul
- 1926 – Obtain clear title to property



Urban Renewal







Second Mount Olive Baptist Church



Second Mt. Olive Baptist Church on Scovill Avenue



Alfreda James, Second Mount Olive Baptist Church



Current Conditions









Criteria for Nomination

The historic property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places

The historic property is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places

Its character, interest or value is part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City, State or the United States.

Its location is a site of a significant historic event.

Its identification is with a person who significantly contributed to the culture and development of the City.

The historic property exemplifies the cultural, economic, social or historic heritage of the City.

The historic property is identified with the work of a master builder, designer, architect, engineer or landscape architect whose work has influenced the development of the area, community, state or nation.

The historic property embodies elements of architectural design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship which represent a significant architectural innovation.

The historic property relates to other distinctive areas which are eligible for preservation activities, based on a historic, cultural, or architectural motif.

The historic property's location or its singular physical characteristics represent the establishment or are a familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community or City.



Sources

- Second Mount Olive Baptist Church Records
- St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Collection, Northeastern Ohio Synod Archives (ELCA)
- Cleveland Public Library Newspaper Archives
- Encyclopedia of Cleveland History
- Cleveland City Building Permits



- Thank you

