

Saint Peter Roman Catholic Church, 155 William St., Belleville, NJ 07109



The church building today (it was completed in 1914). These two pictures are from the church web site, <http://stpeter-bellevillenj.e-paluch.com>, as of 18 Feb. 2007.

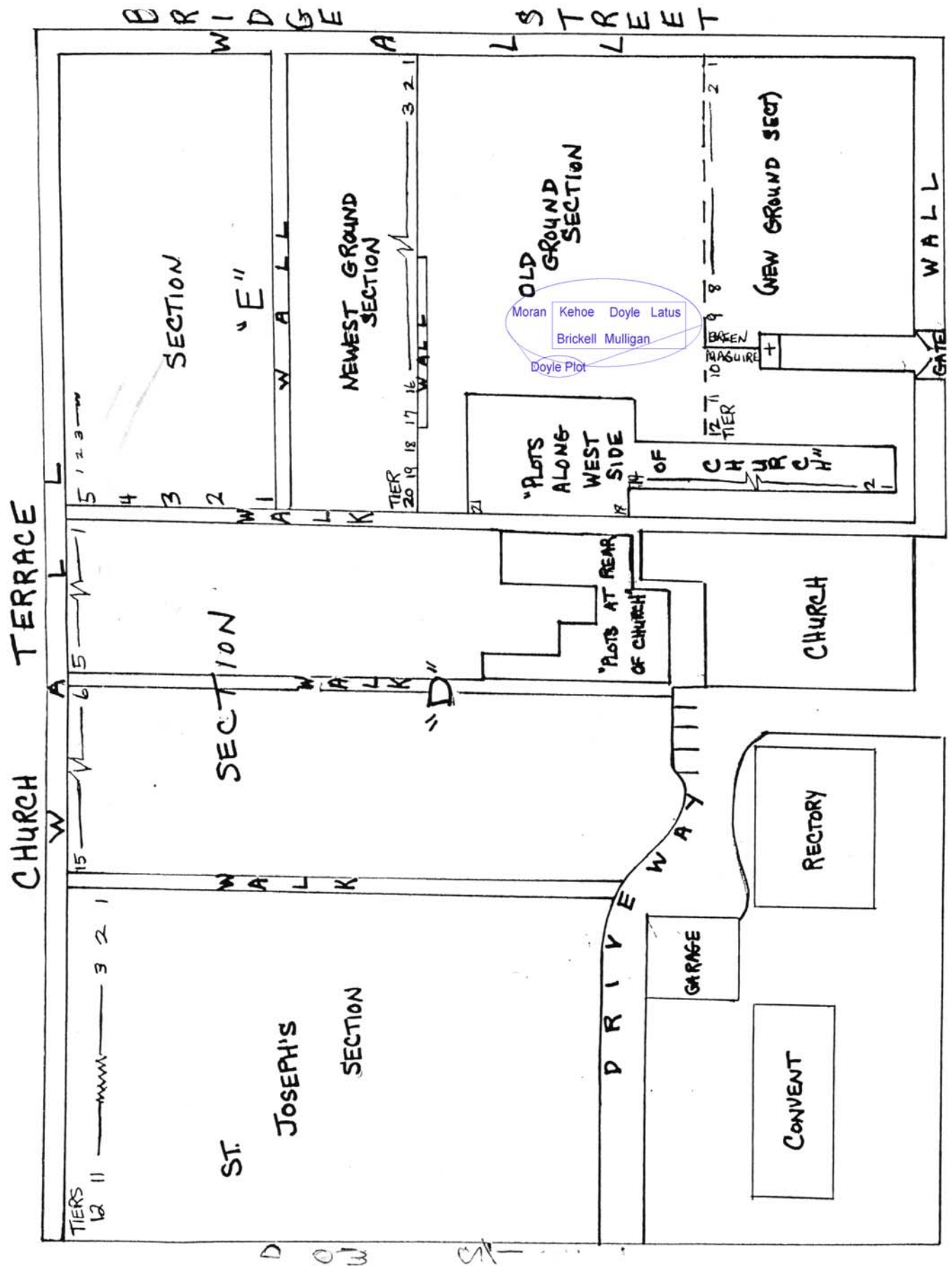


An 1888 picture of the first church building, built in 1838.

Judy and Conrad visited the church on 16 Feb. 2007 and spoke to Linda Makofka, with whom Judy has communicated before by phone and email. This day we were requesting burial plot information. Linda was very willing to help, but she could not let us look at records directly. She first gave us a copy of the Doyle burial plot card, and then went back and forth, as we asked for further information. The further information came from burial records, we think. Here's a transcription of the burial plot card:

ST. PETER'S CEMETERY			
PLOT-0-XV-1			
OWNER	Doyle		
Mary {mother of Martin}	3/8/1863	{85}	{Place of birth: Ireland, Bergen}
Martin	9/26/1864	{57}	
Peter Kehoe	7/12/1868		
Thomas Kehoe	11/22/1868		
Mary Anne Latus	11/22/1877	{age 49}	{Franklin, NJ}
William Mulligan	10/12/1877	{age 58}	{America}
Margaret Mulligan	4/12/1880	{age 64}	{Ireland}

The information in blue is the additional information that Linda obtained for us from burial records. The "Bergen" after place of birth for Mary Doyle could be Bergen County, across the Passaic River from Belleville. It may not be a place in Ireland. I believe Linda said it was a marginal note.



A picture of the tombstones in the Doyle plot. Bridge Street is in the background.



Doyle Plot



Moran



Kehoe



Doyle



Latus



Brickell



Mulligan

Mother Father
William

Individual pictures of the tombstones, including the Moran tombstone, which was not in the Doyle plot but mentioned the place in Ireland from which these Morans came. It was the only tombstone in the vicinity which named a place in Ireland. You can read some inscriptions from these pictures, but not all, so we've transcribed them on the next page.

Transcriptions of the inscriptions on the tombstones in the Doyle plot

KEHOE: *In memory of* / PETER KEHOE / DIED JULY 10, 1868 / ——— / THOMAS *his son* / DIED NOV. 20, 1868 / ——— / *Rest in Peace* / KEHOE {on base}.

DOYLE: *In memory of* / MARY, *wife of* / THOMAS DOYLE / *Died March 6, 1868 / Aged 85 Years* / ——— / *Rest in Peace*. (It reads “1868,” not 1863, as on the burial plot card.)

LATUS: {Inscription on left side} JOHN A. LATUS / BORN / JAN. 1, 1833, / DIED DEC. 11, 1890. / ——— / HIS WIFE, / MARY ANN, / BORN FEB. 21, 1826, DIED NOV. 18, 1877. {Inscription on right side} WILLIAM J. LATIS / BORN / JULY 2, 1863, / DIED DEC. 11, 1891.

BRICKELL: BRICKELL {on top} / ERECTED BY HIS MOTHER / IN MEMORY OF HER SON / WILLIAM A. BRICKELL / MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE / ———. {No date. There may have been a footstone under the snow which we were not able to see. The snow was as hard as ice, and could not be swept away.}

MULLIGAN: *in Memoriam* / WILLIAM MULLIGAN / DIED OCT. 9, 1883 / AGED 57 YEARS / ——— / MARGARET, his Wife / DIED APRIL 12, 1880 / AGED 63 YEARS / ——— / *At Rest*. {Wm. Mulligan's date of death on the stone was 1883, not 1877 as on the burial plot card.}

Transcription of the inscription on the Moran tombstone, off to the left of the Doyle plot

MORAN: *ihs / In Memory of* / HUGH MORAN / Who died Apr. 3d 1863 / Aged 20 Years / Also / JOHN MORAN, Who died Apr. 19th, 1873 / Aged 39 Years and 8 Months / Natives of Cullena, Parish / of Athy, Queens {[sic]} Co. Ireland / *Rest in Peace* {in Latin}.