

FISK CHAPEL

FISK CHAPEL (BICENTENNIAL HALL) WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT IN 1882 AND DEDICATED TO ITS BENEFACTOR, CIVIL WAR GENERAL CLINTON B. FISK. FISK WAS APPOINTED BY LINCOLN TO THE FREEDMAN'S BUREAU AND RAN FOR GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY IN 1886 AND FOR PRESIDENT IN 1888 ON THE PROHIBITION PARTY TICKET.

THE BUILDING IS SIGNIFICANT AS BEING THE OLDEST SURVIVING RELIGIOUS BUILDING ON RUMSON NECK AND FOR ITS ASSOCIATION WITH THE AREA'S FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY. ORIGINALLY LOCATED AT 38 FISK STREET IN FAIR HAVEN, IT WAS MOVED TO CEDAR AVENUE IN 1974 IN ORDER TO PREVENT ITS DEMOLITION.

THE BUILDING WAS LISTED ON THE NEW JERSEY REGISTER IN 1974 AND THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES IN 1975.

FUNDING FOR ITS 2006 EXTERIOR RESTORATION WAS MADE POSSIBLE IN PART BY THE GARDEN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST/STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FISK CHAPEL HAS BEEN MADE IN PART AND CONTINUES TO BE MADE BY THE HISTORIC ASSOCIATION OF FAIR HAVEN, INC.









Front Steps



New Front Steps



Old Kitchen Area

New Kitchen Area









Pastor Thomas Johnson



