



86A-027-07 St. Thomas' Episcopal Church and Cemetery (NR)

14300 St. Thomas Church Road

Croom

Built from 1742–1745, with additions in 1859 and 1888, St. Thomas' is a cruciform, brick church with Gothic Revival stained glass windows and tall centered entry tower. It was built as the chapel-of-ease for northern St. Paul's Parish, following the building plans which had been used for the parish church in Baden. It was the home church of Thomas John Claggett, the first Episcopal Bishop consecrated in the United States. In 1859 the church was Victorianized with the addition of the apse and the gothic-arch stained glass windows. In 1888 the entry tower was built in memory of Bishop Claggett. St. Thomas' was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2000; the Victorian Gothic railing in the bell tower was reconstructed in 2010. The church is protected with a preservation easement held by M-NCPPC.