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## Contribution Form

Name of Contributor:

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City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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### Contribution amount:

Full Window      \$1000     

Half Window      \$500     

1/4 Window      \$250     

Window Pane      \$100     

Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Plaque Information

Please indicate how you would like for the Commemorative Plaque to read. Please limit to less than 100 characters including spaces. (Examples: In Honor of the Smith Family; In Memory of Scott and Mary Doe; etc.)

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*Thank you for your participation in this restoration effort. It is sincerely appreciated by The Historic Port Royal Foundation and by the residents of Port Royal.*

*Once we process your donation, you will receive a Thank You receipt from us signifying your donation. Historic Port Royal Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, and all contributions are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.*

*If you would like to have further information on this project or other projects that the Foundation is engaged in or to join and become a member of Historic Port Royal Foundation, please contact us.*

*Membership forms are available on our website.*

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The Historic  
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## A Brief History of the Church

The Union Church, also known as the Free Church, was completed in 1878.

The land for the church was donated by the Appleton

Family (the original Town developers) to a board of trustees for the purpose

of building a church where citizens of all denominations could worship.

It was used throughout the next 100+ years by Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians and other denominations. Sometimes the different congregations worshipped on alternating Sundays, and other times at different times during the same Sunday.

Last year, the Town of Port Royal in conjunction with Historic Port Royal Foundation were successful in having the building put on the ***National Register of Historic***

***Places.***



Union Church circa 1910 from a post card created for and sold by F.W. Scheper in his store in Port Royal.

## Adopt-A-Window Campaign

When the church was built in 1878, the manufacturing process for producing window glass, was a hand-rolled process that created glass which was wavy and contained bubbles. When viewing objects outside the window from an angle, this glass created a wavy distorted view.

Over the years, broken and cracked panes were replaced with modern window glass as is the norm. Today's single pane window glass is machine-made, which is free from imperfections and distortion. In some cases, the panes were replaced with Plexiglas which has become discolored and opaque over time.

Restoration glass is now made using modern tools to reproduce the unique waviness and distortion as seen in the old hand-rolled process. Unfortunately, this glass is very expensive and only produced by a handful of companies here in the US.

The plans for repairing the windows in the church call for using this "Restoration Glass", which will duplicate the look of the original window panes. While costly, it will give the appearance of the original glass and lend an air of authenticity to the project.

Each window will be removed from its casing. Then, all non-original glass will be removed and replaced along with repairing/replacing any damage to the frame and mullions. The windows will be repainted and then re-installed along with proper window weights and ropes.

Once completed, the windows will look almost like they did in 1878.

As the glass is costly, so are the skilled craftsmen required to perform this restoration. After receiving estimates for this restoration project, the Foundation has decided that a donation of \$1,000 will mostly cover the cost of the repair of one complete window. Furthermore, we will be accepting donations of \$500 for half a window, \$250 for a 1/4 window, or \$100 for a single pane.

For each contribution, a message will be placed on a plaque, signifying the donation. For donations less than \$250, a large plaque will be placed in the back of the church. For donations of \$250 or more, a plaque will be placed under a particular window.

Other aspects of this restoration effort are:

- \* Repair and restoration of the rear door
- \* Replace the 2 interior doors to the museum with doors from the proper period
- \* Repair the front door
- \* Repaint the exterior of the church

If you have any questions regarding the restoration work or in particular the Adopt-A-Window Campaign, please contact us.

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