



Another view of the Baptist Parsonage house. Notice the masonry detail in the chimneys which reveals the construction during two different eras.



The Second Baptist Church at 1964 Grand Street in Scotch Plains. Now known as the Northside YMCA, this building served as the Second Baptist Church after the original meeting house burned to the ground during the winter of 1816–17. This “old meeting house” was built at a cost of \$2,492 and was moved to its present location on Grand Street in 1871 with many yokes of oxen. It was then opened as the District 14 School and continued in that service until 1890, when School One was opened. This building then served both church and community until 1910, when Dr. J. Ackerman Coles and his sister Emile purchased the building. In 1912 the “parish house,” as it was then called, was opened with a new gymnasium, bowling alleys, and a columned facade. It continues to serve the community as a day care center and gymnasium for the YMCA.