

Caroline Church of Brookhaven receives second grant award from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation

The Caroline Church of Brookhaven in Setauket has received a second matching grant from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation. The grant will cover the cost of replacing a cedar roof on the church's 1887 Carriage Shed. Constructed by seven parishioners, and still standing in its original location on church property, it is one of the four contributing structures on the New York State and National Register of Historic Properties Designation, which the church received in 1991.

Originally built to accommodate horses and carriages, while parishioners attended church, the shed later made the transition to house motorized vehicles. Community organizations used the shed for events until its condition deteriorated. Situated overlooking the Setauket Village Green, site of the Town of Brookhaven's first settlement in 1655, the carriage shed is an iconic structure, and the only known remaining carriage shed on church grounds in Suffolk County.

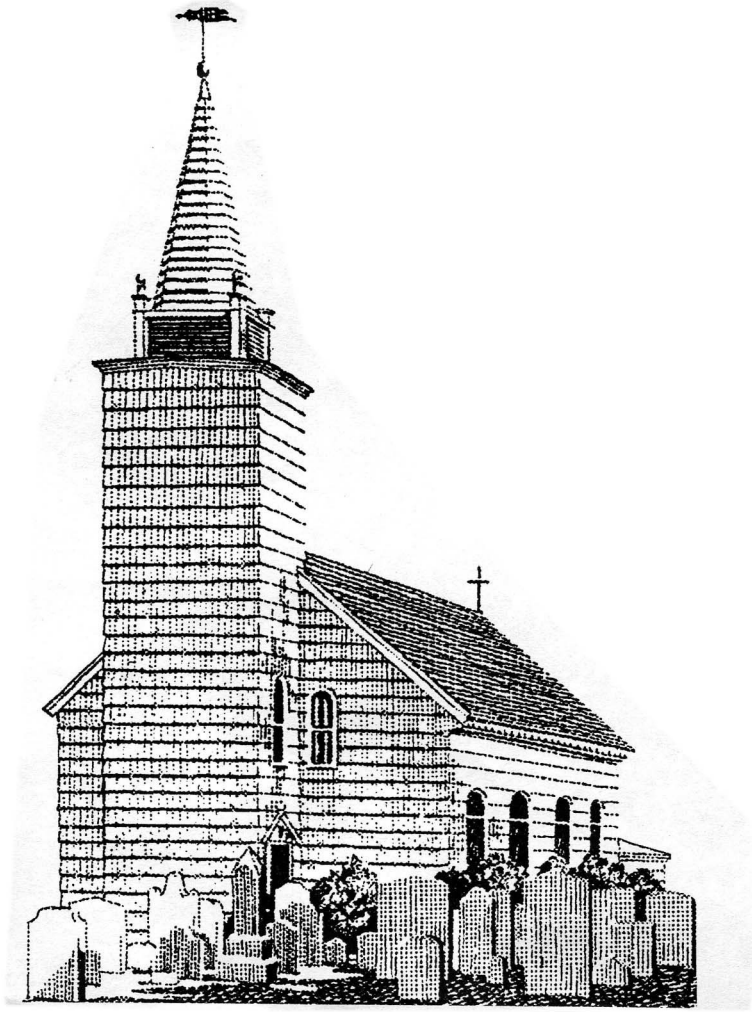
The first matching grant from the RDL Gardiner Foundation was used in 2017 to stabilize the building. The roof project will commence as soon as possible. The Caroline Church of Brookhaven was established in 1723, and the church building erected in 1729. The congregation will celebrate its 296th anniversary in 2019.



Caroline Church Carriage Shed c. 1980



Caroline Church Carriage Shed, post stabilization, needing a roof.



Caroline Church, built 1729

