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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME Harmony Cemetery
HISTORIC
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION Route 1/1 about 1/2 mile north of Rt. 1 and Rt. 1/1 intersection.
Cemetery is marked on county road map.
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN VICINITY OF Marlowe
Falling Waters
STATE CODE COUNTY CODE
West Virginia 54 Berkeley 003
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
NAME Harmony Methodist Church
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN STATE
Falling Waters, W. Va. 25419 VICINITY OF 25419

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Berkeley County
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN STATE
Martinsburg, WV 25401

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE H-14, Berkeley County Historical Society & Berkeley County Historical Landmarks Commission Survey
DATE 1973-78
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Berkeley County Courthouse
CITY, TOWN STATE Martinsburg, WV 25401
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

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EXCELLENT

DETERIORATED

UNALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE

GOOD

RUINS

ALTERED

MOVED

DATE _____

FAIR

UNEXPOSED

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A old picture of the Church among the tombstones give a verification of the site.

The present picture and note outstanding stone with marble block resting in slot on top of stone. This along with the other stones shows the exact spot where the old meeting house stood. This site is undisturbed. One fair size depression in the ground may be seen. The original meeting house would have been of log underpinned with stone.

Throughout the older section of the cemetery are master craftsmen masonry structure works. Note the lamp, bird on laurel of flowers (Minnie Stover) 1870, the John Jack stone 1900 with the marble block and initial J. mentioned above. There is one very elaborate cast iron marker for Emily Smith died 1901. The 23 1/2 foot high 2 foot thick marker has an elaborate scarf draped which has fringe and tassel. An open book rests on top with birth and death data.

The cemetery is situated on a small hill. A couple of stately oaks are along the drive as you enter the cemetery. After the Civil War the Harmony Meeting House became a Methodist Congregation. A new church building was built along Route 11 in Marlow. The cemetery is maintained by The Harmony Methodist Church of Marlow.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1499-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1599-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1699-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1799-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1899-1900	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Harmony Cemetery is significant as an early interdenominational burying site started about 1830. The majority of cemeteries in Berkeley County were private located on the individual plantation or with a particular denomination. The name itself stands for exactly what it was-harmony and unison among the people of the area. A letter from one of the Williamsons who left and went to Ohio in the 1840s sent to his cousin in Berkeley County in the late 1850s expressed his sadness at the division of Harmony of the old meeting house. Many of the tombstones in the cemetery are outstanding for their craftsmanship-a lamb, bird on laurel of flowers, a very outstanding cast iron marker (very few of these exist in Berkeley County). The property has a further significance for being the site of the meeting house; valuable for culture study as the only interdenominational meeting house site and cemetery in Berkeley County.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site of the old Harmony Church (meeting house) and cemetery are significant because it is a building which was put into use about 1830 as an interdenominational meeting house. This is where the name itself is taken from its actual use where people of different faiths and doctrines could have met together. It served an area of Berkeley County which had mixed doctrines but was not heavily populated enough to have a lot of churches. A pre-Civil War letter from one of the Williamsons, who had left this area and settled in Ohio, expresses his sadness at the division of the Presbyterian Church in Ohio and his longing for the peace and Harmony of the old meeting house. Many of the tombstones in the cemetery are outstanding for their craftsmanship.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Private Collection of the Williamson Letters, owned by Becky Frye of Berkeley County.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Hedgesville

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 252520 43185680

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

D

E

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H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

ong cemetery borders as shown on Hedgesville Quadrangle 7.5 minute Series (topographic)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE Don C. Wood, Genealogist, Historian, Historic Archeologist

ORGANIZATION President, Berkeley County Historical Society

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Route 3, Box 79

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Martinsburg, WV 25401

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

TEST

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



4389
 410 000 FEET
 (W. VA.)

4388

4387

4386

35'

4385

4384

Harmony Cemetery

Hedgesville Quad

WILLIAMSPORT, MD. 4 MI.
 6 MI. TO INTERSTATE 70

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