Harmony Cemetery

Route 1/1 about 1/2 mile north of Rt. 1 and Rt. 1/1 intersection. Cemetery is marked on county road map.

Falling Waters
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Harmony Methodist Church

Falling Waters, W. Va. 25419

Berkeley County

Martinsburg, WV 25401

H-14, Berkeley County Historical Society & Berkeley County Historical Landmarks Commission Survey

1973-78
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 (Hattie Stover) 1870, the John Jack stone 1900 in 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 bringe 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

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Harmony Cemetery is significant as an early interdenominational burying site started out 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 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 the site of the meeting house; valuable for culture study as the only interdenominational meeting house site and cemetery in Berkeley County.

The Presbyterian Church in Ohio and his longing for the peace and
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. In 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

UTM REFERENCES

ZONE EASTING NORTHING
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B 4 5 6 7 8 9 5 0

ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3
D 6 7 8 9 0

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E 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3
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ZONE EASTING NORTHING
G 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

ongoing 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

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STATE

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

NPS USE ONLY

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

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