United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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: Mount Zion Baptist Church

2. Location:
   Street & Number: Opequon Lane where Route 9/17 and 9/19 come together.
   City, Town: Martinsburg
   State: West Virginia
   Code: 54

3. Classification:
   Category:
     - District
     - Building(s)
     - Structure
     - Object
   Ownership:
     - Public
     - Private
     - Both
   Status:
     - Occupied
     - Unoccupied
     - Work in progress
   Classification:
     - Public Acquisition
     - Accessible
     - IN Process
     - Being Considered
   Present Use:
     - Agriculture
     - Commercial
     - Educational
     - Entertainment
     - Government
     - Industrial
     - Military

4. Owner of Property:
   Name: Mount Zion Baptist Church Trustees
   Street & Number: c/o First Baptist Church, 315 W. King Street
   City, Town: Martinsburg, WV 25401
   State:

5. Location of Legal Description:
   Courthouse, Registry of Deeds, etc.: Berkeley County
   Street & Number: 
   City, Town: Martinsburg, WV 25401
   State:

6. Representation in Existing Surveys:
   Title: N-2, Berkeley County Historical Society & Berkeley County Historical Landmarks Commission Survey
   Date: 1973-78
   Depository for Survey Records: Berkeley County Courthouse
   City, Town: Martinsburg, WV 25401
   State:
DESCRIPTION

Stone building, 35' x 40', slab stone, carefully shaped and laid, almost resembling brick coursing. Different from other stonework observed in County, and excellent example of its type. Present entrance is west end (double door), replaced window, one at first, two at second level, as on east end. South was original entrance. Two doors, now closed and replaced with windows. Two windows at same levels between these and ends of structure, now closed. Center window at second level, now closed. North facade, end doors, giving access to balconies originally at each end of building. Two windows at first level. Only west balcony remains, approachable only from exterior. Interior evidence of design remains. Single flu remains, at ridge, interior, west end. Cemetery around church. Congregation organized June 23, 1835, structure built 1836-38. Now used only once yearly. Excellent setting, massive oaks, boxwood, etc.
The Mount Zion Baptist Church is significant for its type of architecture. Its stonework is equalled by none in Berkeley County. Mt. Zion's congregation was a division of the earlier Primitive Baptist, with it being a new school Baptist church organized June 23, 1835. It has a further significance for its setting. Back behind is a graveyard with boxwoods.

The stonework in Mt. Zion is very significant for the small stones which are laid almost resembling brick coursing. Thought the stone are limestone, the majority of the stone buildings in Berkeley County are built of a mixture of large and small stones. The masonry-craftsmanship used in construction of the building represents a work of art.

The church building was built for the 3rd Baptist congregation in Berkeley County. The 1st group of Baptists came to the present Gerrardstown area in 1743.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Geographical Data

Acreage of Nominated Property: 3 acres

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the crossroad, thence E 550 ft. around the cemetery N 250 ft., W 200 ft. along the 200ds N 300 ft., along the road SW 600 ft. to the beginning.

List All States and Counties for Properties Overlapping State or County Boundaries:

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Form Prepared By:

Name/Title: Don C. Wood, Genealogist, Historian, Historic Archeologist

Organization: President, Berkeley County Historical Society

Chairman, Berkeley County Historical Landmarks Commission

Street & Number: Route 3, Box 79

City or Town: 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: 

Or NPS Use Only:

Hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register:

Date: 

Keeper of the National Register: 

Date: 

Chief of Registration: 

Date: 

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