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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

Mount Zion Baptist Church

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Opequon Lane where Route 9/17 and 9/19 come together.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Martinsburg

VICINITY OF

STATE
West Virginia

CODE
54

COUNTY
Berkeley

CODE
003

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

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

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Berkeley County

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Martinsburg, W. Va. 25401

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE M-2, Berkeley County Historical Society & Berkeley County Historical Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE 1973-78

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Berkeley County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Martinsburg, WV 25401

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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 flue 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.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 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
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of the First Baptist Church, Martinsburg, WV, 1858-1958, Francis Pine, historian

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME _____
UTM REFERENCES

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

A 18 248200 4363780
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B _____
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C _____
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D _____
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

E _____
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

F _____
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

G _____
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

H _____
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION President, Berkeley County Historical Society DATE _____

Chairman, Berkeley County Historical Landmarks Commission

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 _____

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER.

DATE _____

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

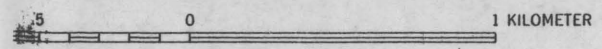
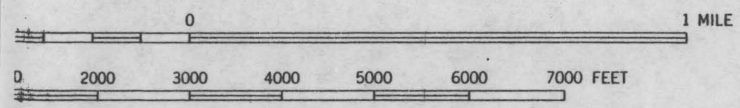
DATE _____

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



(MIDDLEWAY)
5462 IV SW

SCALE 1:24000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

Mt Zion Baptist Church
Martinsburg Quad



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty _____
- Medium-duty _____
- Light-duty _____
- Unimproved dirt _____
- U. S. Route ()
- State Route ()

MARTINSBURG, W. VA.

39°22'30"
77°52'30"

SHEPHERDSTOWN 4.2 MI.
KEEDYSVILLE . MC. 12 MI.

4363000m N.

(CHARLES TOWN)
5462 IV SE

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25:1000m.E.



MT. ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH
1852





