

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: West Virginia	
COUNTY: Greenbrier	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

## 1. NAME

COMMON:

Old Stone Church (Presbyterian)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

## 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Church and Foster Streets (Old German Street)

CITY OR TOWN:

Lewisburg

STATE

West Virginia

CODE

54

COUNTY:

Greenbrier

CODE

025

## 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

## 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

The Trustees of Old Stone Church

STREET AND NUMBER:

Church and Foster Streets

CITY OR TOWN:

Lewisburg

STATE:

West Virginia

CODE

54

## 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Office of the Clerk of Greenbrier County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Lewisburg

STATE:

West Virginia

CODE

54

## 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

None

DATE OF SURVEY:

☐ Federal☐ State☐ County☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

☒ Excellent    ☐ Good    ☐ Fair    ☐ Deteriorated    ☐ Ruins    ☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered    ☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved    ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building originally constructed of native limestone and was approximately 44 feet square. In 1830 an extension was added to the west end to make the building 75 x 44 feet. At this time (1830) the entrance was moved from the east to the west end of the building. Some of the original windows were closed (by stone) but the top arch was left to indicate the location of the windows. There was a balcony (still in use) constructed around 3 sides of the sanctuary to accomodate the slaves of the worshipers. This balcony is supported by posts set on the sanctuary floor. The building has been in continuous use since 1796 except for a brief period in 186-64 when it served as a hospital for both Union and Confederate forces.

The roof is adorned by an open cupola belfry in the center. The bell has not been used since 1940 when chimes replaced it. The church is surrounded on 2 sides (East and South) by the customary (of that day) cemetery.

The entrance is marked by double doors opening onto Church Street on the West end of the building.

An education building (an addition) has been added to the northeast corner but in no way detracts from the stone structure which is the main sanctuary and the old stone church.

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## SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☒ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1796

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☒ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☒ Historic☐ Industry

losophy

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☐ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Stone Church (Presbyterian) is the oldest church in continuous use west of the Allegheny Mountains in this region. The churchyard burial ground was the first west of the mountains and is still used to fulfill its sacred function.

One stone, polished and engraved by one of the earlier members and placed in the original building over the doorway indicated the attitude of these early worshipers. "This building was erected in the year 1796 at the expence of a few of the first inhabitants of this land to commemorate their affection and esteem for the gospel of Jesus Christ reader if you are inclined to applaud their virtues give God the glory."

The architecture is simple and yet massive. Rectangular in shape, two stories tall, basic to the Old Virginia style buildings.

## MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Dayton, Ruth Woods, Lewisburg Landmarks, Education Foundations, Inc., Charleston, West Virginia. 1957.
2. Dayton, Ruth Woods, Greenbrier Pioneers and Their Homes, West Virginia Publishing Co., Charleston, West Virginia, 1942.
3. Cole, J.R., History of Greenbrier County.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "		17/ 548550	4183700	
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/2 acre Church, 1 1/2 acres cemetery

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

STATE: <u>WHITE SULPHUR SP. QUAD</u>	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
<u>UTM 17 548050 4183070</u>			
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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: C. Doyle Kester, Field Research Agent

ORGANIZATION: West Virginia Antiquities Commission DATE: June 21, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: Old Mountainlair

West Virginia University

CITY OR TOWN: Morgantown STATE: West Virginia CODE: 54

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☒ State ☐ Local ☐

Name Dallas B. Shaffer  
Dallas B. Shaffer

Title State Liaison Officer

Date July 26, 1971

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

GAULEY B  
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OLD STONE CHURCH  
(PRESBYTERIAN)  
REINOLDS COUNTY  
WEST VIRGINIA  
TM REFERENCES:

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