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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

Mount Zion Baptist Church

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

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

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Martinsburg

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE  
West VirginiaCODE  
54COUNTY  
BerkeleyCODE  
003**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

 DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

 IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

 OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

 YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO

## PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mount Zion Baptist Church Trustees

STREET &amp; 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 &amp; 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  LOCALDEPOSITORY 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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### 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 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.

# 8 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		

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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. Though 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.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

QUADRANGLE SCALE \_\_\_\_\_

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 248200 4363780

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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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 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 Route 3, Box 79 TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN Martinsburg, WV 25401 STATE \_\_\_\_\_

# 12 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 \_\_\_\_\_

<b>FOR NPS USE ONLY</b>	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
	DATE _____
ATTEST: <b>KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER</b>	DATE _____
<b>CHIEF OF REGISTRATION</b>	