

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

## 1. Name of Property

historic name Pleasant Green Methodist Episcopal Church

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Location

street & number County Route 27/Seebert Road

N/A

not for publication

city or town Seebert

x

vicinity

state West Virginia code WV county Pocahontas code 075 zip code 24946

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this x nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance: \_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ statewide x local

Susan M. Pierce Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
Signature of certifying official Title

10/18/12  
Date

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official

Date

Title

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

## 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register

\_\_\_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register

\_\_\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register

\_\_\_\_\_ removed from the National Register

Other (explain):

For Eileen H. Beall  
Signature of the Keeper

12.12.12  
Date of Action

Pleasant Green M.E. Church

Pocahontas County, WV

Name of Property

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## 5. Classification

### Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- |                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | private          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | public - Local   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | public - State   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | public - Federal |

### Category of Property

(Check only one box.)

- |                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | building(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | district    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | site        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | structure   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | object      |

### Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

| Contributing | Noncontributing |              |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1            | 1               | buildings    |
| 1            |                 | sites        |
|              |                 | structures   |
|              |                 | objects      |
| 2            | 1               | <b>Total</b> |

### Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

N/A

### Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

## 6. Function or Use

### Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Religion/Church

### Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Other/vacant

## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century: Gothic Revival

### Materials

(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: Stone

walls: Wood

roof: Metal

other: Brick

### Narrative Description

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### Location and Setting

The Pleasant Green Methodist Episcopal Church is located along County Route 27/Seebert Road, approximately one mile northwest of the community of Seebert in Pocahontas County, West Virginia. US Route 219 is approximately 1/4 of a mile northwest of the church with Hillsboro to the west and the county seat, Marlinton, to the east. Watoga State Park is just outside of Seebert to the east with the Greenbrier River separating Seebert and Watoga State Park.

The church is set in the midst of a grassy level lawn 55' back from County Route 27/Seebert Road with the cemetery located to the rear of the church. The cemetery ground slopes downward the further back you go to a small ravine. The church parsonage and parsonage garage are located directly south of the church along Seebert Road (Photo 1). A two-story, wood frame private residence is situated adjacent to the church lot to the north. There is no direct driveway to the church although there is a small short gravel driveway to the parsonage. The church faces southwest.

### Pleasant Green Methodist Episcopal Church

1888

contributing building

Pleasant Green Methodist Episcopal Church is a one-story, front-gable building with a standing seam metal roof, clapboard siding, and a stone pier foundation, partially covered in some areas with metal or asphalt shingles (photos 1-3). It measures 26' 8" by 34' 3". The church has a partial return cornice and clapboard siding with wide frieze and slender corner boards with simple caps (photos 2-4). A brick interior chimney extends through the roof on the southeast side (photos 1 and 3).

The building features a central entrance bell tower extending from the façade (photos 1-2). The original roof of the tower was lowered by about 6' in c. 1985, but the original spire is still in place and intact (photo 3). A paneled, double-door entrance is topped by a pointed-arch, two-light transom (photos 5 and 7). Each side elevation of the vestibule includes a four-over-two, double-hung-sash, pointed-arch window (photos 2 and 8). A pent gable roof is above the entrance door and it separates the first floor from the upper floors of the bell tower. The bell tower contains pointed-arch vents with wood louvers on each side (photos 2-3). The original church bell is in the tower. The bell was donated by the Wesley Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church and dates to c. 1842.

The side elevations are identical, each with two symmetrically-placed windows that are nine-over-six, double-hung sash and original (photos 1-3). A metal fuel tank is situated on the southeast elevation of the church and provides fuel for the furnace (photo 3). The rear, or northeast elevation, includes no fenestration or ornamentation (photos 3-4). The date, "1888," is inscribed into the southwest corner foundation stone on the front of the building.

### Interior

The interior floor plan is typical of a church of this time period with the altar and railing along the rear, northeast, wall and the pews arranged in six rows to either side of a central isle behind a wood railing (photo 6). There is wood wainscoting up to the window sill height in the majority of the interior with paneling above that. A modern drop ceiling has been installed. Above the ceiling, tile can be seen the original plaster and wood lath. The floor is wood but is covered by carpeting in the altar section and vinyl tile in the seating section.

The window and door trim is simple pine and the doors, altar rail, and pulpit are black walnut (photos 7-8). The door includes bronze spring hinges. The rail and pulpit were donated by the Wesley Chapel Southern Methodist Church of Hillsboro and the oil lamps donated by the Presbyterian Church of Seebert, both donations occurred at the time of the church's construction or very early on. In addition to the original oil lamps are two modern electric fixtures over the center aisle. The newel posts for the altar rail are carved and fluted. There is a piano along the back, northeast, wall behind the pulpit and extra seating flanks the altar area.

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**Parsonage**(photos 1 and 9)

**ca.1920**

**contributing building**

The parsonage is a one-story, front-gable building. It has a concrete foundation, asbestos shingle siding, a modern metal roof with exposed rafter ends, and two interior red brick chimneys. A hip-roof porch with clapboard siding extends across nearly the entire façade and is supported by wood, square battered columns; the end posts are supported by brick. The porch has an enclosed rail and central entrance with concrete steps. Two-over-two, double-hung sash windows flank the central entrance. Three windows are situated on the side elevations. An open porch extends from the rear elevation.

**Garage**

**ca. 1960**

**non-contributing building**

The garage is a one-story, front-gable garage with a shed-roof addition on the side and rear elevations. It has roll roofing, asphalt shingle siding and a pier foundation. The one bay garage doors are vertical board siding. The building no longer retains integrity. The building was originally constructed for a picnic shelter and later enclosed for a garage.

**Cemetery**

**ca. 1888**

**contributing site**

The Pleasant Green Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery is located to the rear of the church. It contains approximately 50 markers with a number of suspected unmarked graves. There are twenty-two (22) granite markers; nine (9) marble markers; fourteen (14) fieldstone markers; and five (5) concrete markers. Nineteen of the markers are illegible and there appear to be approximately ten (10) unmarked graves. There are a few footstones, a few double stones and two triple stones. There is one broken off concrete marker. Marker types include Die on Base, Tombstone, Bedstead, and some metal funeral home markers. There are also some stones, especially footstones, lying on the ground. (Photos 10-12) The cemetery served the church as well as the local African American community.

Pleasant Green M.E. Church

Name of Property

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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Ethnic Heritage: Black

### Period of Significance

1888-1962

### Significant Dates

N/A

### Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

### Cultural Affiliation

N/A

### Architect/Builder

Unknown

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☒ A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

### Narrative Statement of Significance:

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### Statement of Significance

The Pleasant Green Methodist Episcopal Church is locally significant under *Criterion A: Ethnic Heritage* as an important vestige of the African American community in Pocahontas County from the late nineteenth century into the mid-twentieth century. The church served the local African American community from the time it was constructed in 1888 until c. 1976 at which time the congregation had become so small that it was unable to support the church. The congregation dissolved entirely in 1981. The period of significance is 1888, the date of construction, to 1962, the federally mandated fifty year cut-off period. This end date is used as the church continued to have significance in the African American community through the historic period. The church also meets *Criteria Consideration A: Religious Properties* as it derives its significance from historical importance.

### General History

The first white settlers to the Pocahontas County area arrived in 1749. However, settlement was slow throughout the following decades due to the threat of attacks by Native Americans. By the turn of the century the population began to grow. In 1821 the Virginia General Assembly created Pocahontas County. By 1830 the US Census recorded 2,542 residents in the county, including 244 African Americans.

While most African Americans arrived in the region as slaves, a few were free and some were given their freedom, usually at the death of their owner and so stated in a will. The 1830 Census recorded 17 free blacks and the 1840 Census recorded 19. Documented cases include Benjamin Warwick, freed by Jacob Warwick's 1818 will for saving his life.<sup>1</sup> Elizabeth E. Rhodes, freed by the will of Martin Dilly in 1852, and John Wesley, freed by Adam Arbogast upon his death in 1852. Other free blacks prior to the Civil War included Abraham Freeman and John Lewis.

When the new state of West Virginia was formed in June 1863, Pocahontas County fell within its boundaries. Slavery, however, was not completely abolished in the new state until the ratification of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment in 1865 at the end of the Civil War. After this, several additional African American families moved into the county. Some included Henry Brown (ca. 1865), James Jackson (1867), Harry McDowell (1868), Joseph Wilson (1873), James Harris (1877), J. Madison Boggs (1882), and Henry Woodford (1885), as well as the Wheeler and Knight families.

As industries grew in the decades following the war, new opportunities arose. In West Virginia, coal mining became one of the primary industries with African Americans making up approximately twenty percent of the state's miners. In Pocahontas County, however, timbering was the primary industry, spurred first by the completion of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway to nearby Greenbrier County in 1869 and then its completion to Marlinton and Cass in Pocahontas County in 1900. Many of the first African Americans to arrive in large numbers came as part of the crews constructing the rail lines in the last decades of the nineteenth century.<sup>2</sup> Others arrived in Pocahontas County to work in the timber industry and tanneries. The West Virginia Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Denmar, and agriculture, to a lesser extent, also drew black residents to the county.

Segregation forced the newly arriving black population to establish their own churches and attend separate schools. Schools and churches exercised a strong influence on the communities. Schoolhouses were gathering spots and were often used for social activities in addition to their educational purposes. Sometimes they also served as the community's church.

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<sup>1</sup> William T. Price, *Historical Sketches of Pocahontas County West Virginia* (Price Brothers, 1901; reprint, Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, Inc., 1990), 608 (page references are to reprint edition).

<sup>2</sup> Kolby W. Bilal, "African American Industrial Migration," in *Encyclopedia of Appalachia*, ed. Rudy Abramson and Jean Haskell (Knoxville, The University of Tennessee Press, 2006), 293. And, William P. McNeel, "Pocahontas County," in *West Virginia Encyclopedia*, ed. Ken Sullivan (Charleston, W.Va.: The West Virginia Humanities Council, 2006), 570-571.

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The first African American church building in the county, the Rising Zion Baptist Church in Marlinton, was built in 1879. Prior to that date, services were held in an old log school building, most likely the Jericho Hollow Colored School (non-extant). The church was reorganized in 1899 and moved into another school building in Price Hollow in Marlinton (non-extant). Their final move was opposite the Marlinton Depot in 1911 when they built the Rising Zion Baptist Church. The church was constructed by Reverend I.M. Goodwin and James Morris with funds donated by both white and African American residents. Reverend Goodwin led the church congregation for over forty years. He also traveled to other areas and churches, including the Cass Baptist Church, to preach and raise funds.<sup>3</sup>

Other than the Rising Zion Baptist Church, other churches serving African American communities included the Pleasant Green M.E. Church (1888) in Seebert, the Macedonia Baptist Church (1902) and Wilson Chapel (1905) in Brownsburg, Stewart Chapel (date unknown) in Marlinton, Frank African Methodist Church (date unknown) in Frank, Cass Baptist Church in Cass (1917), and Brush Run Church of God (1922).<sup>4</sup> Only the Wilson Chapel and Pleasant Green Church are extant. Wilson Chapel is vacant and in poor condition on the exterior; the interior condition is unknown.

The Macedonia Baptist Church was organized in 1902. B.W. and Maud E. Vaughn donated a quarter acre of land in 1907 to church trustees, Andy Wheeler, J.A. Peters, William Walker, and B.W. Vaughn. Fundraising for this church followed the same pattern as for Rising Zion. They received money through donations from both black and white residents, as well as through fund raising efforts such as church suppers and subscriptions. By 1940, however, the number of congregation members was declining and they met only once a month. Church members included the Boggs, Peters, Jackson, Martin, McDowell, Knight, and Tibbs families.<sup>5</sup>

The other church in Brownsburg, Wilson Chapel, was a Methodist congregation. The building used for Wilson Chapel was first a school building moved next to the Brownsburg School in 1905 to be used as the church; it is not known where the building was moved from. Prior to 1905, the Methodists worshipped with the Macedonia Baptist Church. The deed for the land was given to the church by Joseph Wilson on October 2, 1903 to church trustees. Trustees included William Wilson, Price Graves, Amos Jackson, Amos Crawford, and C.W. Wilson. The lot consisted of one acre and the deed stipulated that a church must be built within five years of January 1, 1904. If the church was not built within that time period, the conveyance would be invalid. The church bears the namesake of the Wilson family who sponsored the construction of the church. They included Joseph Wilson, Billie Wilson, Liza Wilson, and Malissa Wilson. The church has handmade seats, a coal stove, an organ, and electric lights. Wilson Chapel is a one-story, front-gable building with a central tower with pyramidal roof and is covered with clapboard siding. It is no longer in use. The other Brownsburg church was demolished.<sup>6</sup>

The First Baptist Church of Cass was organized in 1917 by Rev. Goodwin. Originally, services were held outside within a grove of trees and later moved into the Cass Colored School. Rev. Goodwin preached in the church on the second Sunday of each month and Reverend Tyson, once a month. As with many of the other communal buildings within African American communities, the church/school was a social center serving as a church, a Sunday school, a Baptist Young Peoples Union, and the Women's Missionary Society. They regularly contributed money to a flood relief fund and to organizations assisting the poor and also sent money to Africa. The West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company of Cass donated land to the African American community for use as a cemetery between Deer Creek and Cass, gave the Cass church \$10 annually, and paid their light bill. The Cass Company Store also donated money to the church. By 1941, the

<sup>3</sup> WV Writer's Project February 14, 1941. *Mt. Zion Baptist Church - (Colored) - Marlinton.*

<sup>4</sup> "The Black Community in Pocahontas County," Community Discussion Meetings Summary Booklet, West Virginia Committee for the Humanities and Public Policy Grant, 1976.

<sup>5</sup> WV Writer's Project November 29, 1940. *Macedonian Baptist Church - Brownsburg - Colored.*

<sup>6</sup> WV Writer's Project November 29, 1940. *Brownsburg Methodist - Colored, and "The Black Community in Pocahontas County."*

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congregation still did not have a church building of their own and eventually the congregation dissolved. Member names included Parks, Tyson, Hunter, Gilbert, Scott, Davis, and Crews families.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> WV Writer's Project February 14, 1941. *First Baptist Church of Cass - (Colored)*.



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### Pleasant Green Methodist Episcopal Church

The first African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church was organized in Philadelphia in the late eighteenth century and largely shares the same doctrine as the Methodist Episcopal Church. The A.M.E. Church first arrived in western Virginia to assist slaves following John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry in 1859. They continued to send assistance throughout the Civil War. From that time to the early decades of the twentieth century, a number of A.M.E. churches were established in West Virginia. The West Virginia Conference of the A.M.E. Church was established as a separate district in 1908 and included all of West Virginia except for Jefferson County which is considered part of the Virginia Conference. By 1926, the denomination peaked in West Virginia with 64 churches including 2,298 members.<sup>8</sup>

The Pleasant Green Methodist Episcopal Church was built in the decades following the Civil War when the A.M.E. Church was growing rapidly in West Virginia. The location was the site of the Pleasant Green School. Like other schools, the building also served as a church and served in this capacity until the church was constructed. Ten years later, ca. 1898, students were transferred to the newly constructed Seebert Lane Colored School located a quarter mile west on Seebert Road.<sup>9</sup>

W.L. and M.L. McNeel, prominent local white residents, sold the land to the original trustees, George Lee, C.W. Lee, E.N. Grant, W.D. McCoy, and Henry Anderson, for \$30. Half of that amount was donated back to the church. The deed stated that the land was to be used for a school and/or a church. The first pastor, Reverend Ben Perkin, helped to build the church. Though it was built in 1888 and opened in 1889, it was not dedicated or fully paid for until 1909.<sup>10</sup> Some of the original church members included individuals by the surname of Pryor, Lee, Anderson, Thompson, Stewart, Grant, Lacy, Tibbs, Bolden, Jackson, Scott, and Taylor. By 1940, the church had approximately 25 members.<sup>11</sup>

A cemetery behind the church includes the grave of "Eddy" Washington, a local African American cook who worked at Watoga State Park. "Miz Eddy" was a well-known African American figure in the local community. She had first worked in the Elkins home of future West Virginia Governor, Wallace "Wally" Barron, when he was a child. When he was convicted and sent to prison during his term as Governor, "Miz Eddy" stated "I always knew that little shave tail would get into something he couldn't get away with."<sup>12</sup> Also buried in the cemetery is Gordon Scott, the state's first African American Superintendent of a State Park. He first worked at Watoga State Park and became the Superintendent of Droop Mountain Battlefield in 1957, serving until his death in 1959.

The cemetery includes several gravestones fastened with eye bolts (a fastener with a loop on one end and threads on the other). Some oral history contends that a bolt without a chain represents freedom. One link represented an individual who was born into slavery. Two links represented a person born free who was enslaved and remained enslaved for the rest of their life and three links represented a lifetime spent in slavery.<sup>13</sup>

### Summary

The only other A.M.E. church known to have existed in Pocahontas County was located in Frank but is non-extant. Of the churches that served African Americans in Pocahontas County, the only two that remain are Wilson Chapel in Brownsburg and the Pleasant Green M.E. Church. Both still had active congregations in 1976 but soon their membership

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<sup>8</sup> Connie Park Rice, "African Methodist Episcopal Church" in *The West Virginia Encyclopedia*, ed. Ken Sullivan (Charleston, WV Humanities Council, 2006) p.2.

<sup>9</sup> Ruth Taylor, interview by author, winter 2011/2012.

<sup>10</sup> WV Writer's Project. December 6, 1940. *Pleasant Green M.E. Church - Colored*.

<sup>11</sup> WV Writer's Project. December 6, 1940. *Pleasant Green M.E. Church - Colored*.

<sup>12</sup> Ruth Taylor interview.

<sup>13</sup> Ruth Taylor interview and <http://www.your-inner-voice.com/slaverychain.html>, accessed April 17, 2012.

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declined and both sit empty today, vestiges of the early black population who served the regional industries of timber and railroad.

The Pleasant Green Methodist Episcopal Church is eligible under *Criterion A: Ethnic Heritage* and *Criteria Consideration A: Religious Properties*. The property is a significant building, reflective of the segregated society that developed after the American Civil War in American society and persisted through the twentieth century. Though the tower roof of the church has been altered, the property retains sufficient integrity to convey its local significance.

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Name of Property

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### Bibliography

See continuation sheets.

#### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)  
☐ previously listed in the National Register  
☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register  
☐ designated a National Historic Landmark  
☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

#### Primary location of additional data:

☐ State Historic Preservation Office  
☐ Other State agency  
☐ Federal agency  
☐ Local government  
☐ University  
☒ Other

Pocahontas County Historical Society; Pocahontas  
County Historic Landmarks Commission; Marlinton

Name of repository: Public Library.

Historic Resources Survey Number (if  
assigned):

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 1 acre

UTM References Hillsboro, WVA Quadrangle, Datum 83

|      |         |          |
|------|---------|----------|
| 17   | 570990  | 4221865  |
| Zone | Easting | Northing |

### Verbal Boundary Description

The property is a rectangular lot that extends approximately 242 feet along the north side of County Route 27/Seebert Road, and approximately 250 feet deep, to the northeast. A wire fence line marks the western side of the property.

The boundary encompasses the church, parsonage, garage and cemetery and coincides with the church's legal boundaries in its entirety. The deed is recorded in the Pocahontas County Courthouse, Marlinton, West Virginia and it is Deed Book 112, page 72.

### Boundary Justification

The boundary follows the property line of the original plot of land deeded for use as a church for African Americans. The church, parsonage, garage and cemetery are all encompassed within the boundary.

## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Michael Gioulis Historic Preservation Consultant, Inc. date July 1, 2012

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city or town Sutton state WV Zip 26601

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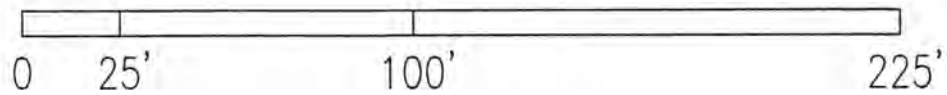
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Pleasant Green Methodist Episcopal Church  
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KEY:



= Contributing building

----- = Nomination boundaries

Residence/Outside church lot

Grassy lawn

Grassy lawn

Grassy lawn

Fence

Boundary

Ravine

Boundary

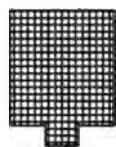
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Grassy lawn  
slopes steeply toward ravine

Cemetery

Grassy lawn

Cemetery



Church

Grassy lawn

242'

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Cemetery

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Garage



Parsonage

Boundary

Boundary

Seebert Lane

Seebert Lane

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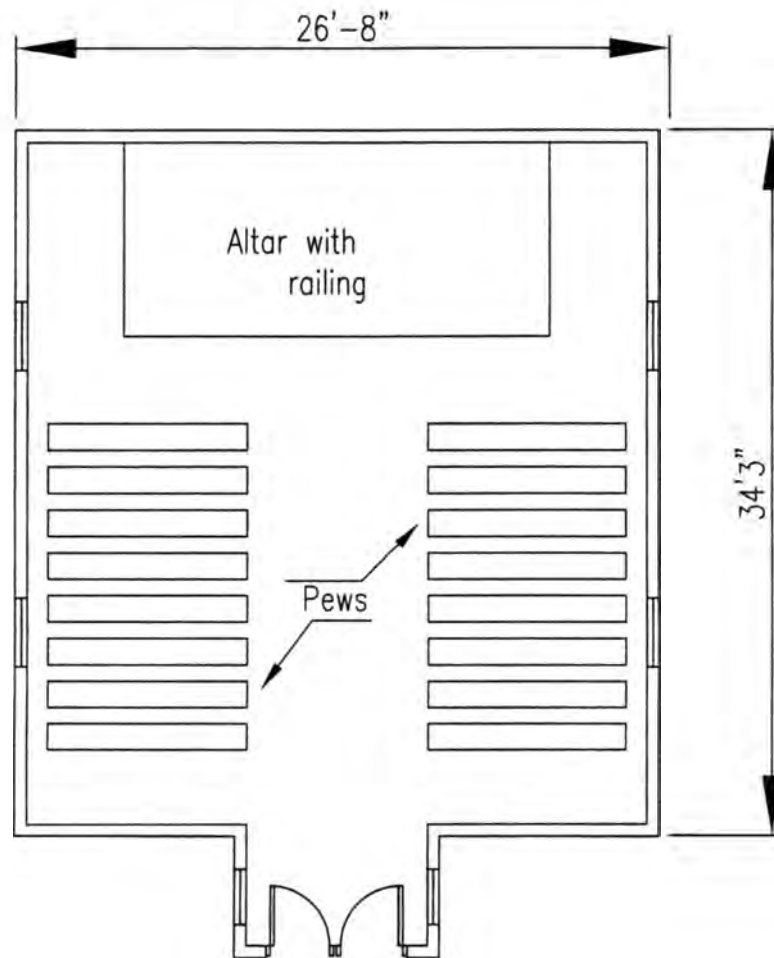
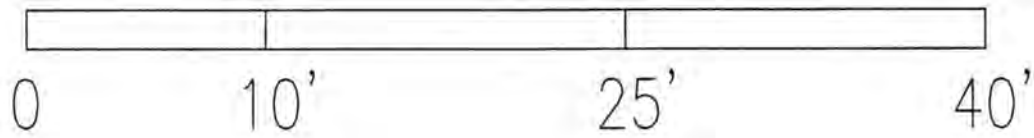
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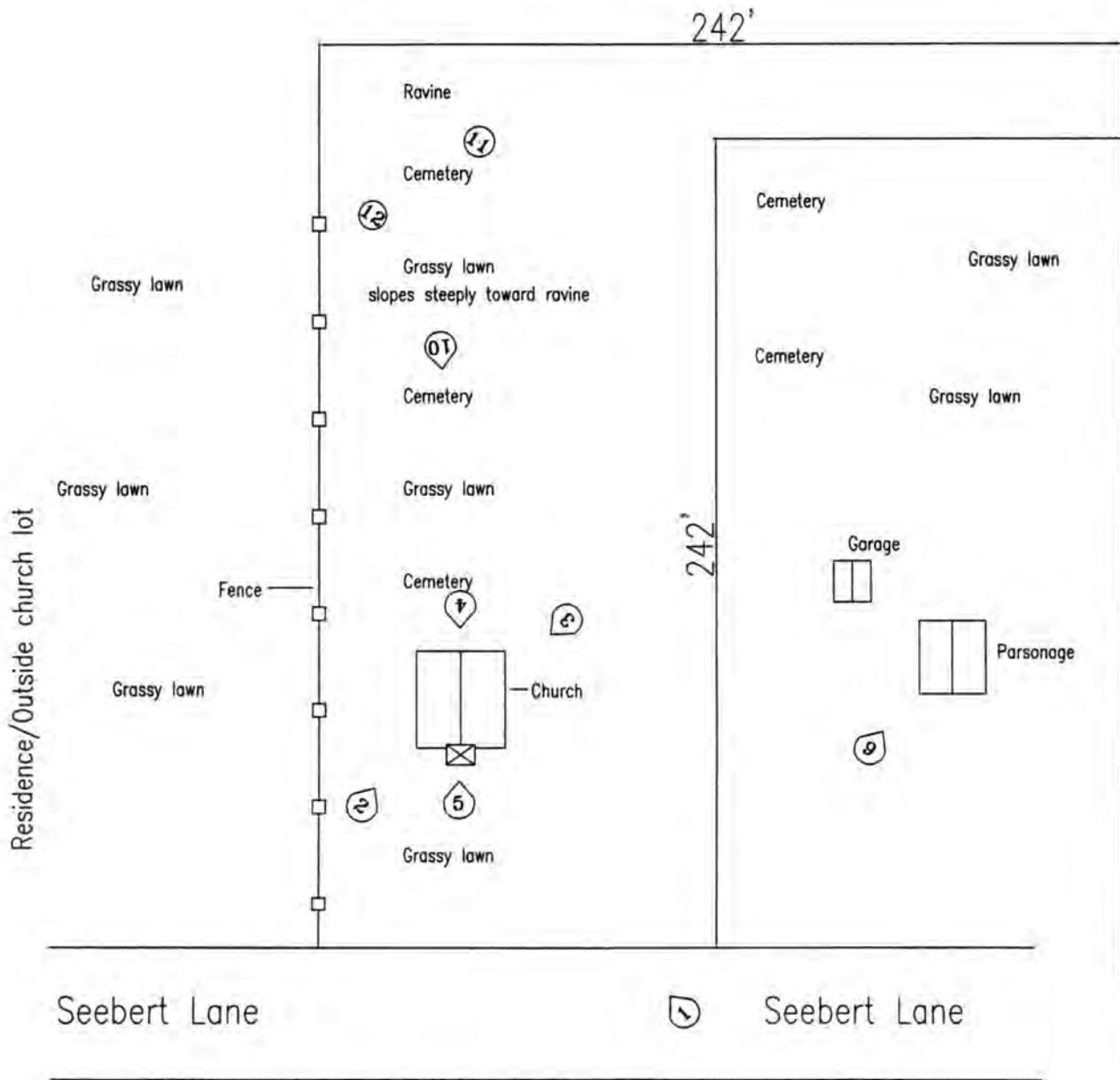
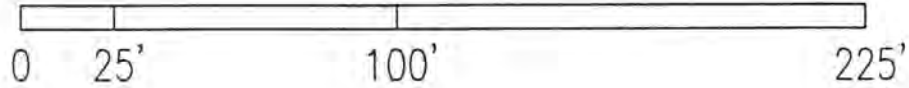
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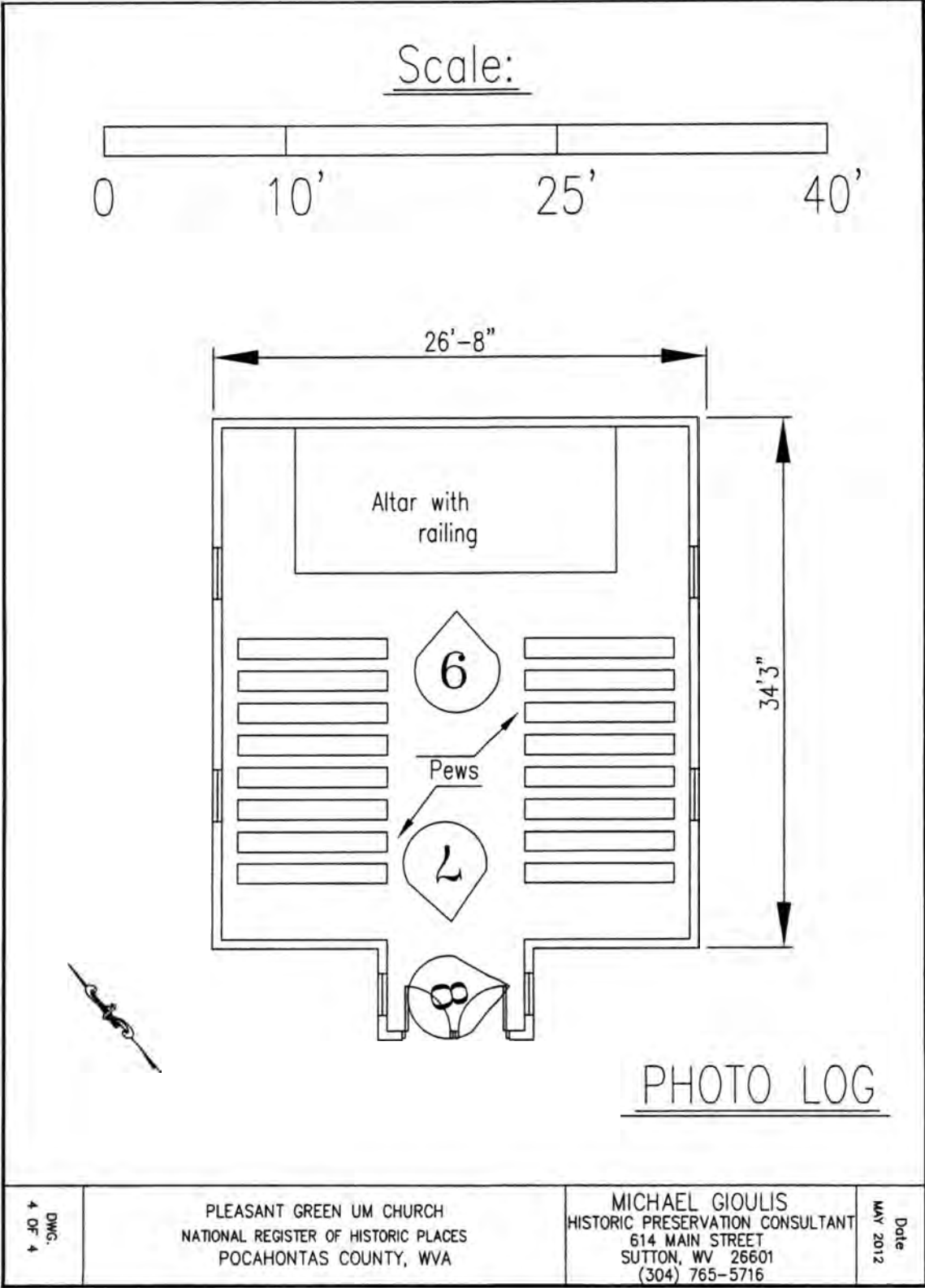
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Pleasant Green Methodist Episcopal Church

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: WEST VIRGINIA, Pocahontas

DATE RECEIVED: 10/26/12 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/27/12  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/12/12 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/12/12  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 12001052

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 12.12.12 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.





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POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WV  
GIOLIS FIRM / WINTER 2012  
SHPO / CHARLESTON, WV  
OVERALL SITE LOOKING NW  
PHOTO 1 OF 12



PLEASANT GREEN M.E. CHURCH  
POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WV  
GIOULIS FIRM / WINTER 2012  
SHPO / CHARLESTON, WV  
FRONT, S, E SIDE, W, ELEVATIONS  
LOOKING NE  
PHOTO 2 OF 12





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POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WY

GIOLIS FIRM / WINTER, 2012

SHPO / CHARLESTON, WY

SIDE, E, & REAR, N, ELEVATIONS

LOOKING SW.

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— PLEASANT GREEN  
— M.E. CHURCH



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REAR, N, ELEVATION  
LOOKING S.

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POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WV  
GIOLIS FIRM / WINTER 2012  
SHPO / CHARLESTON, WV  
ENTRANCE DOOR DETAIL  
FROM THE EXTERIOR,  
LOOKING NORTH.

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ALTAR AREA DETAIL ON THE  
INTERIOR LOOKING NORTH.  
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ENTRANCE DOOR DETAIL  
FROM THE INTERIOR,  
LOOKING SOUTH  
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ENTRANCE | BELL TOWER  
LOOKING EAST  
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SHPO / CHARLESTON, WV  
PARSONAGE LOOKING NE  
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CEMETERY DETAIL  
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GORDON E.  
SCOTT  
1902 — 1956

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GORDON E. SCOTT MONUMENT

DETAIL

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GIOUS FIRM | WINTER 2012  
SHPO | CHARLESTON, WV  
MONUMENT DETAIL  
SHOWING EYE BOLT  
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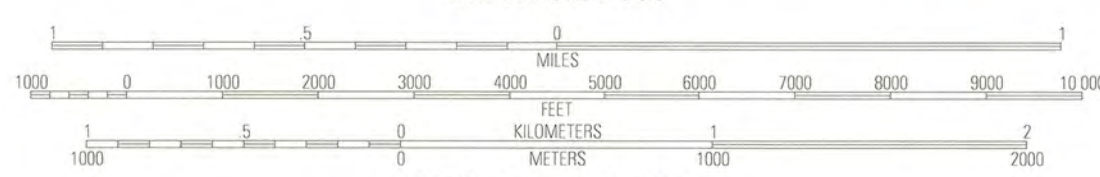
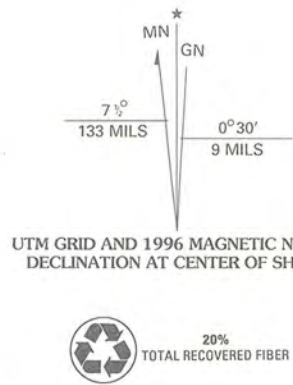
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|   |   |                 |                      |
|---|---|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3               | 1 Webster Springs SE |
| 4 | 5 | 2 Woodrow       |                      |
| 6 | 7 | 3 Edray         |                      |
|   |   | 4 Lohella       |                      |
|   |   | 5 Marlinton     |                      |
|   |   | 6 Droop         |                      |
|   |   | 7 Denmar        |                      |
|   |   | 8 Lake Sherwood |                      |

ADJOINING 7.5' QUADRANGLES

| HIGHWAYS AND ROADS                                    |    |
|---|----|
| Interstate  | 1  |
| U. S.   | 2  |
| State   | 3  |
| County  | 4  |
| National Forest, suitable for passenger cars          | 5  |
| National Forest, suitable for high clearance vehicles | 6  |
| National Forest Trail                                 | 7  |
| Primary highway                                       | 8  |
| Secondary highway                                     | 9  |
| Light-duty road                                       | 10 |
| Paved   | 11 |
| Gravel  | 12 |
| Dirt  | 13 |
| Composition unspecified                               | 14 |
| Unimproved; 4 wheel drive                             | 15 |
| Trail   | 16 |
| Gate  | 17 |

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October 18, 2012

Ms. Carol Shull  
Keeper, National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service 2280  
National Register of Historic Places  
1201 "I" (eye) Street, NW  
Washington D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

For your review, we are submitting the following National Register of Historic Places registration forms:

1. Edgefield, Greenbrier County
2. Capon Chapel, Hampshire County
3. Old Pine Church, Hampshire County
4. Valley View, Hampshire County
5. Spencer Cemetery, Marshall County
6. Pleasant Green Methodist Episcopal Church, Pocahontas County
7. Seebert Lane Colored School, Pocahontas County

The enclosed nominations have been approved by the West Virginia Archives and History Commission in accordance with 36 CFR, Part 60. Should you have any questions please contact National Register Coordinator, Erin Riebe, at 304.558.0240.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan M. Pierce". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Susan M. Pierce  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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