

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Morgan Chapel and Graveyard
and/or common Christ Episcopal Church - Bunker Hill

2. Location

street & number On the north side of West Virginia Secondary Route #26 (Runnymede Road),
0.2 mile west of the intersection of U.S. Route #11. *off u.s. 11* not for publication
city, town Bunker Hill *vico.* vicinity of _____ congressional district _____
state West Virginia code 54 county Berkeley County code 003

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia
The Right Reverend Robert Poland Atkinson, D.D., Bishop
street & number 1608 Virginia Street, East
city, town Charleston _____ vicinity of _____ state West Virginia

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Berkeley County Courthouse
street & number 100 West King Street
city, town Martinsburg _____ state West Virginia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title G - 14 Berkeley County Historic Landmarks Commission Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1973 - 1983 _____ federal _____ state county _____ local _____
depository for survey records Berkeley County Courthouse
city, town Martinsburg _____ state West Virginia

7. Description

Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Situated just outside of the town of Bunker Hill, the Morgan Chapel is a two story, rectangular Greek Revival building, thirty-five feet (35') by forty-five feet (45') with a small one story rear ell, sixteen-and-one-half feet (16½') by twelve feet (12'). It was built of brick in 1851 in five row common bond on a stone foundation. It is situated with a nice entrance yard with mature trees on a rise just off the road with the cemetery to the left and rear of the church.

The front is classically sparse containing only the double door entrance with panelled reveals and diamond light transom and, in the second story, a large 9/6 double sash window with sidelights. The front façade, in particular, is very handsome.

The church is four bays deep with large 12/12 double sash windows. All fenestration is trabeated with wide brick flat arches. A corbelled brick cornice extends along the side of the building.

The main interior of the church consists of one large room with balcony under a high (two story) ceiling. The pews are original and are plain and unpretentious decorated only with a beaded edging. A small corner stairway, with two square-in-section spindles per step under a bevelled handrail, leads to the balcony. The newel posts are heavy and turned. The stringer is beaded. The balcony is supported by large, square-in-section, tapering columns. They have a heavy and solid appearance.

The single room in the ell contains extensive graffiti on the walls written in pencil by Civil War soldiers. Other features include chair-rail, random width original floors, and an antique organ.

The Morgan Chapel is heated with a wood stove and lighting is by candles and kerosene lamps.

Regular church services are held.

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 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		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) *		
				*graffiti on walls		

Specific dates	1741/1851	Builder/Architect	Congregation, Morgan Chapel
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Morgan Chapel is significant as a fine example of a Greek Revival country church that has been neither altered nor modernized, but preserved. It is similar in construction to the Methodist Church in Bunker Hill and to one also in Darkesville; both pre-Civil War buildings are located nearby.

The church-yard dates from 1741 when the first church, which was of log construction, was built on this site. Morgan Morgan, one of West Virginia's earliest recorded settlers, was among the members of this founding group, along with Dr. John Briscoe and Jacob Hite. The chapel is named however for Morgan Morgan II who conducted services as a lay reader beginning at the age of only 16 and continuing throughout his life whenever there was no rector. He is buried in the Mill Creek Church Graveyard which was renamed Morgan's Chapel in his honor.

Only the graveyard is historically associated with the early Morgan family although later members did attend services in the present building. Morgan Morgan died in 1766 at the age of 78 and is buried here along with Morgan Morgan II, III, IV, and V. Morgan Morgan V died in 1886. Burwell, Drinker and Kownslar are other well known families with members buried here. This is significant in that it contributes to the early settlement history of the area.

The present church building is built upon the site of the earlier building and is significant as a fine and unaltered example of 1851 Greek Revival church architecture. The era and style are intrinsically represented through the proportions and scale of the building, and the balanced fenestration of the front façade. Other period design features include the large trabeated windows, the balcony support columns, trim, and original pews and floors. The building suffered from cannonading during the Civil War and repaired areas can still be discerned. The old fashioned heating and lighting, although not architectural, do contribute to the inherent historical quality of the building.

The appreciation and regard that the congregation and community have for the church building should also be noted. Some restoration work is currently in progress and the congregation is aware of the importance of preserving the architectural integrity. The National Park Service in Harper's Ferry and the Smithsonian Institute have both been contacted for advice concerning the preservation of the graffiti. The church is open to the public each year as part of a candle-light tour of historic buildings during the Christmas season and, at other times, upon request.

9. Major Bibliographical References

The Berkeley Journal, Issue #6 (1977). The Berkeley County Historical Society, pp 81 - 88.

A History and Genealogy of the Family of Colonel Morgan Morgan, French Morgan, 1950 McClain Publishing Company, Parsons, West Virginia.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2 acres

Quadrangle name Inwood

Quadrangle scale 1 : 24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at the east side of the lane on the road (West Virginia Secondary Route #26) in front of the Church, thence, including the lane north 280', thence west 270', thence south 300', thence along the north side of the road (#26) east 270' to the beginning.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
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state		code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frances D. Ruth - Chairperson

organization Berkeley County Historic Landmarks Commission date September 30, 1983

street & number Route #2, Box 320 telephone (304) 754 - 7097

city or town Martinsburg state West Virginia

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title Commissioner, WV Department of Culture and History date November 18, 1983

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

Added to the National Register

date 1/12/84


Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

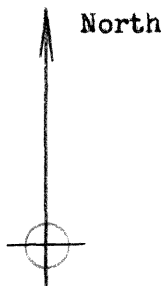
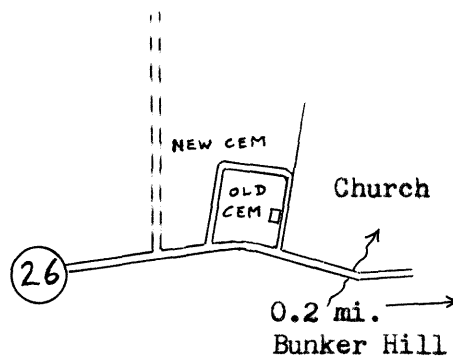
MORGAN CHAPEL and GRAVEYARD

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Inwood Quadrangle

Berkeley County, West Virginia

Area 2 acres



SCALE 1 : 7,920

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