

West Virginia Cemetery Survey Form

HM-0891

Central Hampshire County Historic Resource Survey, 2009

1. Site Number (OFFICE USE ONLY): Survey Site No. 87
2. Cemetery Name, Historic: Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery Cemetery Name, Common
3. County: Hampshire 4.7.5' Quadrangle Name: Rio, WV
5. UTM Zone: 17 Easting: 4339209 Northing: 696289
6. Location: Rock Oar Road, Kirby
7. Ownership: Public: Municipal County State Federal
Private: Family Church ✓ Denomination
Fraternal Other
8. Burial Population :
9. Predominant Surnames:
10. Mass Grave: Yes No Explain: Unknown
11. Public Accessibility: Unrestricted ✓
Restricted
For permission to visit, contact: n/a
12. Access into Cemetery: By foot ✓ By car
13. Terrain: flat
14. Bounded by: Fence ✓ (chain link) Wall Hedge Other
15. Condition: Well maintained ✓ Poorly maintained Overgrown, easily identifiable
Overgrown, unidentifiable Unidentifiable, but known to exist through tradition or
other means (identify source)
16. Disturbances (describe): none apparent
17. Cemetery Size and Orientation (please give dimensions in feet, and indicate compass direction for long and short axis):
18. Historical Background (use continuation sheet if necessary):
Associated with the Bethel Baptist Church which is adjacent

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19. Gravestones (Please list the number of gravestones that fit in the categories below. If this is a guess or an approximation, put "circa" before the number. Include photographs and/or sketches of representative decorative carvings.):

Number of headstones c. 200 Number of burials _____ Footstones? Yes ☒ No _____

Number of gravestones with burial dates from the 18th century _____ 19th century _____
20th century _____

Please list the earliest headstone date: _____ Most recent date _____

Number of gravestones of each material: Slate _____ Marble _____ Granite _____
Sandstone _____ Fieldstone _____
Other _____

Number of gravestones with decorative carvings of: Skulls/Deathsheads _____
Faces _____ Urns/willows _____ Other (explain) _____

Number of gravestones that are: Readable _____ Eroded _____ Badly tilted _____
Cracked/broken _____ Broken but standing _____ Broken, no longer standing _____
Location of stones no longer standing _____

Restoration efforts, if any: _____

20. Please attach: 1) a copy of the topographic quadrangle map indicating the cemetery's location, and 2) general photograph(s) of the cemetery showing its setting and/or location. If you have any reference information about the cemetery (books, personal communication, etc.) please include a list.

Recorder: David L. Taylor, Principal Date: July, 2009

Address: Taylor & Taylor Associates, Inc. Telephone Number: 814-849-4900
9 Walnut Street
Brookville, PA 15825

Please return form to:

Historic Preservation Office
The Cultural Center
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0300

Thank you for your interest in the West Virginia
Cemetery Survey.

**WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY FORM
CONTINUATION SHEET**

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