

West Virginia Cemetery Survey Form

Central Hampshire County Historic Resource Survey, 2009

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1. Site Number (OFFICE USE ONLY): Survey Site No. 245
2. Cemetery Name, Historic: Branch Mountain Methodist Cemetery Cemetery Name, Common _____
3. County: Hampshire 4.7.5' Quadrangle Name: Levels, WV
5. UTM Zone: 17 Easting: 4363351 Northing: 701887
6. Location: Three Churches
7. Ownership: Public: Municipal _____ County _____ State _____ Federal _____
Private: Family _____ Church ☒ Denomination _____
Fraternal _____ Other _____
8. Burial Population : c. 400
9. Predominant Surnames: Hershey
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 _____ 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):

Among the most prominent memorials is a large obelisk memorializing to Holland B. Thompson, a volunteer in the Hospital Corps of the U. S. Army, who died on a hospital ship en route to Puerto Rico, 1898. Earliest legible seems to be Richard Hall, infant son of B. & D. Hall, born and died 11/15/1848

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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. 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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