



WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address Church Road	Common/Historic Name/Both ☐ ☐ ☒ Old Pine Church	Field Survey # HM-1179	Site # (SHPO Only) see also HM-0794
Town or Community Purgitsville vicinity	County Hampshire	Negative No. WV_HampshireCounty_HM-1179.tif	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder unknown	Date of Construction 1791	Style Gable Front	
Exterior Siding/Materials Wood over logs	Roofing Material Metal	Foundation Stone	
Property Use or Function Residence ☐ Commercial ☐ Other ☒	NAD83 UTM# 17S 0679070E/ 4342700N		
Survey Organization & Date Rasmussen and Rasmussen Fall 2010	Quadrangle Name Old Fields		
	Part of What Survey Hampshire County, Phase III		

Sketch Map of Property
Or Attach Copy of USGS Map

Site No.

Present Owners (trustees) Liller, Kenny; Shoemaker, Harry; Hagerty, Jerry	Owners Mailing Address HC 66, Box 26, Old Fields, WV 26845
Phone #	
Describe Setting Church and cemetery are located on an unpaved road off US 220. Building is surrounded on three sides by the fenced, well kept cemetery. Earliest burials are simple stones with no inscriptions. The cemetery continues in a separate lot across the road. Graves date from 1792. <1__ Acres _____ Artifacts Present	
Description of Building or Site (Original and Present) 1 Stories 3 Front Bays Gable front building with double width center entry that features paneled wood doors recessed 10 inches suggesting log construction. Exterior fabric is hand wrought Dutch lap siding and corner boards. Sash is 9/6 double hung with simple sills and narrow trim, all wood. Interior includes original plank seating with raised pulpit and wooden bench choir area.	
<u>See Continuation Sheet</u> (Use Continuation Sheets)	
Alterations	☒ Yes ☐ No Older metal roof is not original, unobtrusive metal hand rails flank the entry, block chimney.
Additions	☐ Yes ☒ No
Describe All Outbuildings None (Use Continuation Sheets)	
Statement of Significance The origin of the church is usually associated with the Church of the Brethren (Dunkers). It was probably used by ministers of different denominations over the years, and served area residents as a meeting house. People of German descent, such as the German Baptist Brethren and the German Methodists are associated with the church. The building was also used as a school. Services are conducted there once a year. The church retains a very high degree of architectural integrity and is individually eligible for the Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C. (Use Continuation Sheets)	
Bibliographical References http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hutch/PURGETT/pine.htm (Use Continuation Sheets)	
Form Prepared By: Barbara Rasmussen Date: September 22, 2010	
Address: 224 Wilson Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26501	
Phone #: (304) 292 7652	



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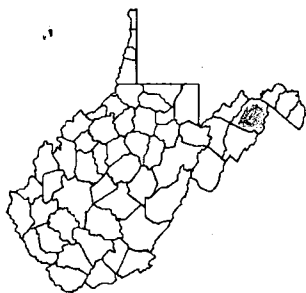
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CONTINUATION SHEET**

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Interior view of the Old Pine Church in Purgitsville, Hampshire County



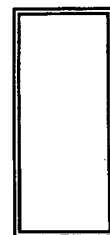
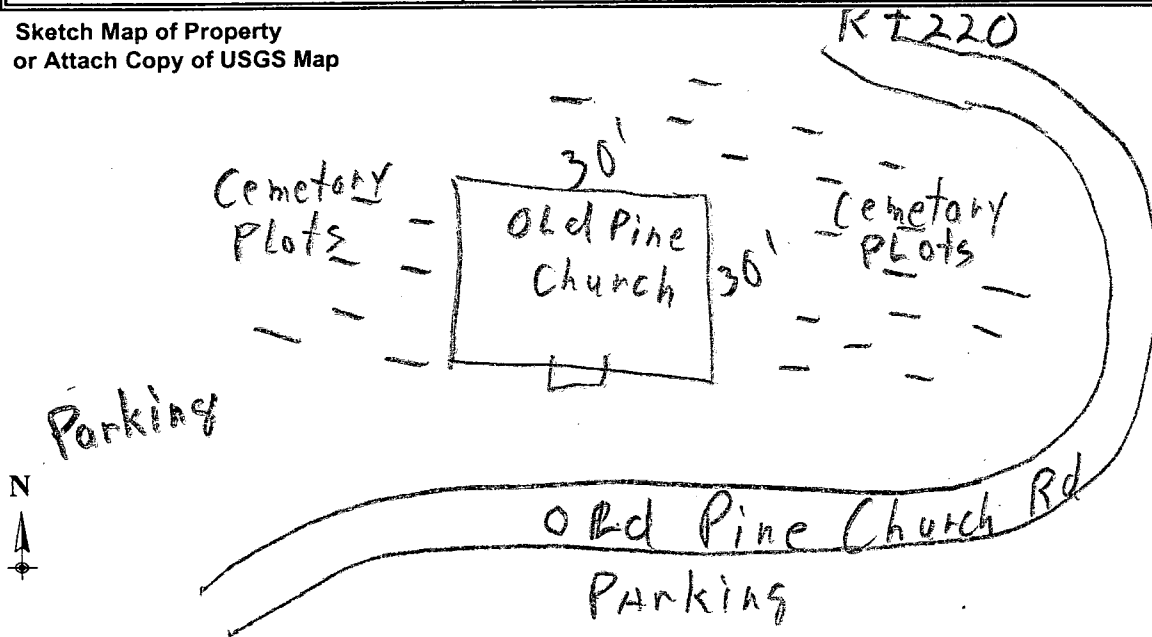
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see also HM-1179

Street Address Old Pine Church Rd off of US Rt 220 South	Common/Historic Name/Both ☐ Common ☒ Historic Old Pine Church	Field Survey # 	Site # (SHPO Only) HM-0794
Town or Community South of Purgitsville	County Hampshire	Negative No. 	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder unknown	Date of Construction c 1814	Style 	
Exterior Siding/Materials Wood Weatherboard over Logs	Roofing Material Tim - Standing Seam	Foundation Stone	
Property Use or Function Residence ☐ Commercial ☐ Other ☒ Church	UTM # 17-679073E 4342495N	Enclosed Photograph (2" x 3" Contact)	
Survey Organization & Date Old Pine Church Trustees 10-19-07	Quadrangle Name Old Fields WV		
Part of What Survey/FR# Hampshire Co 1814			

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Site No.

Present Owners Old Pine Church Trustees Phone # 304 289-3778	Owners Mailing Address Harry Shoemaker HC 66 Box 102 Junction, WV 26824
Describe Setting Church Located on slight hillside Large Oak Tree in Front of Church About 3 A Site including Cemetery	
3 A Acres ☒ Archaeological Artifacts Present Old Grave Date 1759	
Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present) 30'x30' Log Building Covered with weatherboard siding Metal Tin Roof 1 Front Double Door Entrance Stone Foundation	
(Use Continuation Sheets)	
Alterations ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, describe Normal upkeep only	
Additions ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, describe None	
Describe All Outbuildings Tool Shed - wood 6'x10'	
(Use Continuation Sheets)	
Statement of Significance Old Pine Church place of worship from early 1800's till present. Pews and Benches were constructed about 1838 and are used presently. Church was used as a school for a short period. Very old graves in cemetery by the church. Additional facts inc.	
(Use Continuation Sheets)	
Bibliographical References Book Allegheny Passage History from 1852 to 1990 By Emmet Bittinger - Trustees Records	
(Use Continuation Sheets)	
Form Prepared By: Harry Shoemaker Trustee Name/Organization: David R. Parker Hamp Co, Landmark Comm. Address: HC 66 Box 102 Junction, WV 26824 Phone #: 304 289 3778	
Date: 10-19-07	



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OLD PINE CHURCH

The Old Pine Church, a log building, now weatherboarded, about 30 by 30 feet, stands $\frac{1}{4}$ mile off United States Highway 220, just South of Purgitsville; is the oldest Church building in the entire area. Its exact age is unknown, but old folks in the community say it dates back to 1814, and possibly back to 1792. There are tombstones in the old cemetery dating back to 1834, and some unmarked graves which are said to be still older. These marked stones are of the Huffman's who came there from Germany.

Christian Huffman, who died in 1834, was the first person burried in the Old Pine Cemetery. He, his wife, and two sons, Christian and Daniel, came from Germany in 1818 and settled in the Purgitsville vicinity.

The Church was built by the people of the community and used by the following denominations: Methodist, United Brethern, Church of the Brethern, though all now have built other churches.

It is said that Rev. Charles Miller, a United Brethern preacher, (Mrs. Ruth Markwood's grandfather) during the Civil War always brought his gun to church and left it outside the door, since the tension was so great in this section.

The land where the church now stands was owned by William and Milly Boncratz. They deeded this land to Joseph Frazier, George High, and David VanMeter, who were the first Trustees, in 1838.

The old building was also used as a schoolhouse, as well as a Church at one time.

Some of the first ministers were: Nicholas Leatherman, Solomon Biser, Daniel P. Arnold, John M. Leatherman, Nelson Kelly, Crisley Wine, John Kline, Jacob Biser, James Fleming, and Daniel Workman.

James Carter Ludwick and Sarah Jane Athey were among the first couples to be married in the Old Pine Church, by Rev. John Hutchison of the Methodist Church. This was Mrs. Marie Hardin's mother and father.







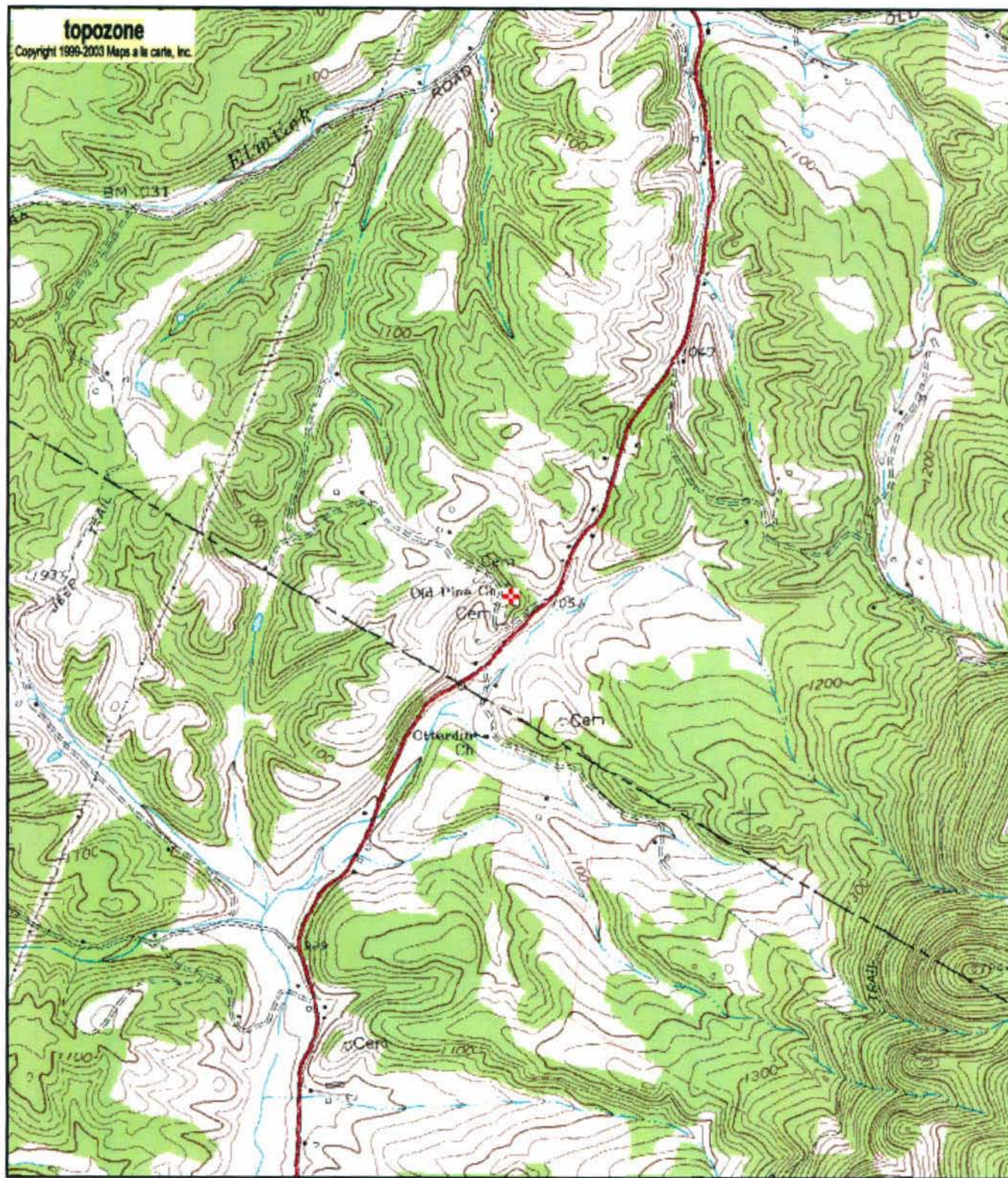












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Old Pine Church, USGS Old Fields (WV) Quadrangle
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