1. **Name**
   - **Common:** Old Stone Church (Presbyterian)

2. **Location**
   - **Street and Number:** Church and Foster Streets (Old German Street)
   - **City or Town:** Lewisburg
   - **State:** West Virginia
   - **Code:** 54
   - **County:** Greenbrier
   - **Code:** 025

3. **Classification**
   - **Category:** Building
   - **Ownership:** Public
   - **Public Acquisition:** In Process
   - **Status:** Occupied
   - **Accessible to the Public:** Yes
   - **Present Use:** Religious

4. **Owner of Property**
   - **Owner’s Name:** The Trustees of Old Stone Church
   - **Street and Number:** Church and Foster Streets
   - **City or Town:** Lewisburg
   - **State:** West Virginia
   - **Code:** 54

5. **Location of Legal Description**
   - **COURHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:** Office of the Clerk of Greenbrier County
   - **Street and Number:**
   - **City or Town:** Lewisburg
   - **State:** West Virginia
   - **Code:** 54

6. **Representation in Existing Surveys**
   - **Title of Survey:** None
   - **Date of Survey:**
   - **Depository for Survey Records:**
   - **Street and Number:**
   - **City or Town:**
   - **State:**
   - **Code:**
The building originally constructed of native limestone and was approximately 44 feet square. In 1830 an extension was added to the west end to make the building 75 x 44 feet. At this time (1830) the entrance was moved from the east to the west end of the building. Some of the original windows were closed (by stone) but the top arch was left to indicate the location of the windows. There was a balcony (still in use) constructed around 3 sides of the sanctuary to accommodate the slaves of the worshipers. This balcony is supported by posts set on the sanctuary floor. The building has been in continuous use since 1796 except for a brief period in 186-64 when it served as a hospital for both Union and Confederate forces.

The roof is adorned by an open cupola belfry in the center. The bell has not been used since 1940 when chimes replaced it. The church is surrounded on 2 sides (East and South) by the customary (of that day) cemetery.

The entrance is marked by double doors opening onto Church Street on the West end of the building.

An education building (an addition) has been added to the northeast corner but in no way detracts from the stone structure which is the main sanctuary and the old stone church.
### SIGNIFICANCE

**PERIOD** (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☑ Pre-Columbian
- ☐ 15th Century
- ☐ 16th Century
- ☑ 18th Century
- ☐ 19th Century
- ☑ 20th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)** 1796

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE** (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☑ Aboriginal
- ☐ Prehistoric
- ☑ Historic
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Architecture
- ☐ Art
- ☐ Commerce
- ☐ Communications
- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Industry
- ☐ Invention
- ☐ Landscape
- ☐ Literature
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Political
- ☑ Religion/Philosophy
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Sculpture
- ☐ Social/Humanitarian
- ☐ Theater
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Urban Planning
- ☐ Other (Specify)

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Stone Church (Presbyterian) is the oldest church in continuous use west of the Allegheny Mountains in this region. The churchyard burial ground was the first west of the mountains and is still used to fulfill its sacred function.

One stone, polished and engraved by one of the earlier members and placed in the original building over the doorway indicated the attitude of these early worshippers. "This building was erected in the year 1796 at the expense of a few of the first inhabitants of this land to commemorate their affection and esteem for the gospel of Jesus Christ reader if you are inclined to applaud their virtues give God the glory."

The architecture is simple and yet massive. Rectangular in shape, two stories tall, basic to the Old Virginia style buildings.


### 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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**APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:** 1/2 acre Church, 1 1/2 acres cemetery

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

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### 11. FORM PREPARED BY

**NAME AND TITLE:**

C. Doyle Kester, Field Research Agent

**ORGANIZATION:**

West Virginia Antiquities Commission

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

Off Mountainlair

West Virginia University

**CITY OR TOWN:**

Morgantown

**DATE:**

June 21, 1970

### 12. STATE LIASON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is: National ☑ State ☐ Local ☐

**Name:** Dallas B. Shaffer

**Title:** State Liaison Officer

**Date:** July 26, 1971

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

**Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation**

**DATE:**

**ATTEST:**

Keeper of The National Register

**DATE:**