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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-Ma). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Edgemont Church other names/site number 60-139

2. Location

street & number NY side of VA Route 666, 1 mi. east of VA Route 645 not for publication N/A city, town Christiansburg vicinity state Virginia code VA county Montgomery code 121 zip code 24073

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes sub-rows for Contributing and Noncontributing resources.

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is: entered in the National Register. determined eligible for the National Register. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. ether. (explain:)

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION: religious structureFUNERARY: cemetery

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION: religious structureFUNERARY: cemetery**7. Description**Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)OTHER: nave planLATE VICTORIAN: Italianate

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE: limestonewalls WOOD: weatherboardroof METAL: tin

other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The church is a three-bay nave-plan structure with a three-bay pedimented principal facade, which has paneled corner pilasters with molded capitals and segmentally arched openings. The central opening contains double three-panel doors with a transom. The front windows and side windows are equipped with six-over-six double-hung windows with arched heads and early louvered blinds. The pediment contains a large circular louvered vent. A small belfry has been added over the entry door, and modern additions have been made to the west side and north end. The interior features original woodwork and modern pews.

A small graveyard is located to the north of the church. Most of the gravestones date from the late nineteenth century to the mid-twentieth century. One late nineteenth-century grave is surrounded by ornamental fence posts with chains strung between them. The front entry is reached by a short flight of stone steps. The church is located on a lot a short distance to the north of VA Route 666.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

ca. 1860  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Edgemont Church is eligible under criterion C as an unusually ornate and stylistically developed example of the regionally popular nave-plan form, unusual also for its inclusion of windows in the principal facade. The unusual elements include the arched windows and paneled pilasters. The church is similar in many respects to rural nave-plan churches popular in the New River Valley during the entire nineteenth century, but differs in its greater scale, elaboration, and detailing.

The church was built in the third quarter of the nineteenth century on the north side of the old Mud Pike, the original Ingles Ferry Road. The Mud Pike was superceded in the mid-nineteenth century by the Southwestern Turnpike, or Rock Road. The deed for the church is dated 1856, and the building was constructed by 1864 when it shows up on the Confederate Engineers Map.

The church was organized by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Chester Bullard (1809-1893) founded many of the Christian churches in the Montgomery County area. He came to Montgomery County at the age of seventeen in connection with the immigration of his sister and her husband Asiel Snow. In 1830 Snow and his relatives from Massachusetts founded a manufacturing center at Snowville on the Little River southwest of Christiansburg, and seven miles from the site of Edgemont Church. Bullard felt drawn by the revivals then occurring and the growth of the emotionally fervid Methodist and Baptist denominations. He founded a number of churches before 1840, based on an independent interpretation of scripture, drawing on Baptist and Methodist sources. In 1840 Bullard united his churches with those of Alexander Campbell and Barton W. Stone, founders of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He founded six churches in the region, including the Cypress Grove Church in Snowville (listed in the National Register in 1986), the Christian Church in Newbern, and Edgemont Church.

The property has been carefully maintained. The additions to the west and north sides do not affect the significant form and decorative treatment to a serious level. The addition to the west is small and the church retains its overall form. The cemetery retains late nineteenth-century grave markers.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Montgomery County Deed Books.

Confederate Engineers Map, 1864.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Virginia Department of Historic Resources  
221 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

A 

17	546290	4106730
Zone	Easting	Northing

C 

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B 

Zone	Easting	Northing

D 

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at point A one mile east of VA Rt. 645 on the north side of VA Rt. 666, proceeding north 282.5 feet to point B, thence east 107.5 feet to point C, thence south 282.5 feet along the west side of road to point D, thence west 107.5 feet along north side of VA Rt. 666 to point of origin.

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Boundary Justification

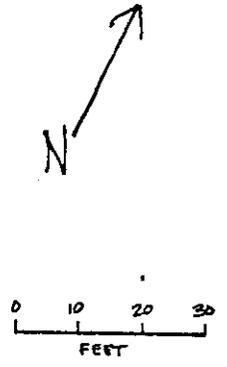
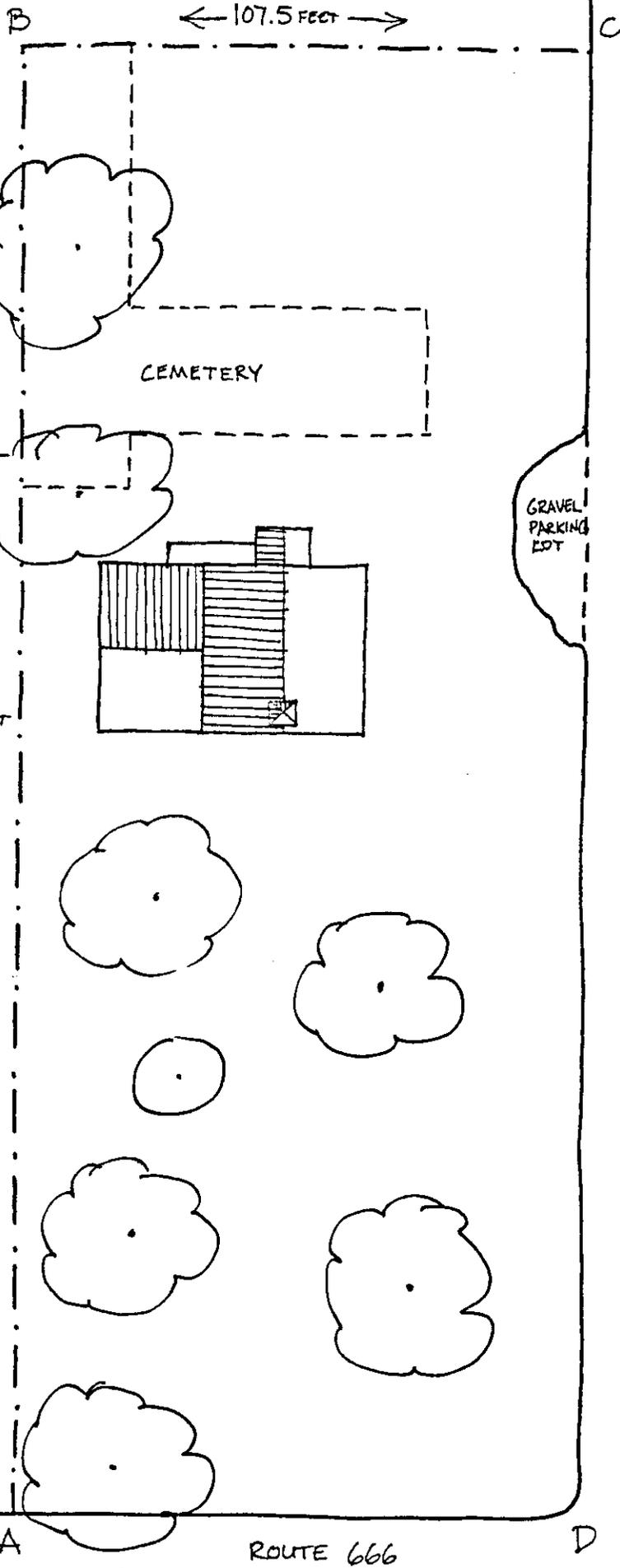
The boundaries were chosen to include the church, cemetery, and lawn.

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(RADFORD NORTH)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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RIVER  
QUAD

