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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 for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Slate Mountain Presbyterian Church and Cemetery
other names/site number 031-5005

2. Location

street & number 2121 Lonesome Dove Drive not for publication _____
city or town Christiansburg vicinity X
state Virginia code VA county Floyd code 063 Zip 24073

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986 as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant _____ nationally _____ statewide X locally. (_____ See continuation sheet for additional comments)

[Signature] _____ 2/12/2007 _____
Signature of certifying official Date

Virginia Department of Historic Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. (_____ See continuation sheet for additional comments)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:
____ entered in the National Register _____
____ See continuation sheet. Signature of Keeper _____
____ determined eligible for the National Register _____
____ See continuation sheet. Date of Action _____
____ determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National Register _____
____ other (explain): _____

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Floyd County, Virginia

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

| Contributing | Noncontributing | |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| <u> 1 </u> | <u> 0 </u> | buildings |
| <u> 1 </u> | <u> 0 </u> | sites |
| <u> 0 </u> | <u> 0 </u> | structures |
| <u> 0 </u> | <u> 0 </u> | objects |
| <u> 2 </u> | <u> 0 </u> | Total |

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Reverend Robert Childress Presbyterian Rock Churches, MPD

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Religion Sub: religious facility
 funerary cemetery

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Religion Sub: religious facility
 funerary cemetery

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

 Gothic Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete
roof asphalt
walls stone
other

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions) Religion, Social History, Architecture

Period of Significance 1932-1956

Significant Dates 1932;1951

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

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- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Virginia Department of Historic Resources

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property approximately one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

| Zone | Easting | Northing | Zone | Easting | Northing | Zone | Easting | Northing | Zone | Easting | Northing | | | | |
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See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Organization: Virginia Department of Historic Resources date December, 2005

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city or town Roanoke state VA zip code 24013

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Rev. Stuart Lee Childress (contact)

street & number 30 Lynn Drive telephone _____

city or town Ararat state VA zip code 24053

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Continuation Sheet

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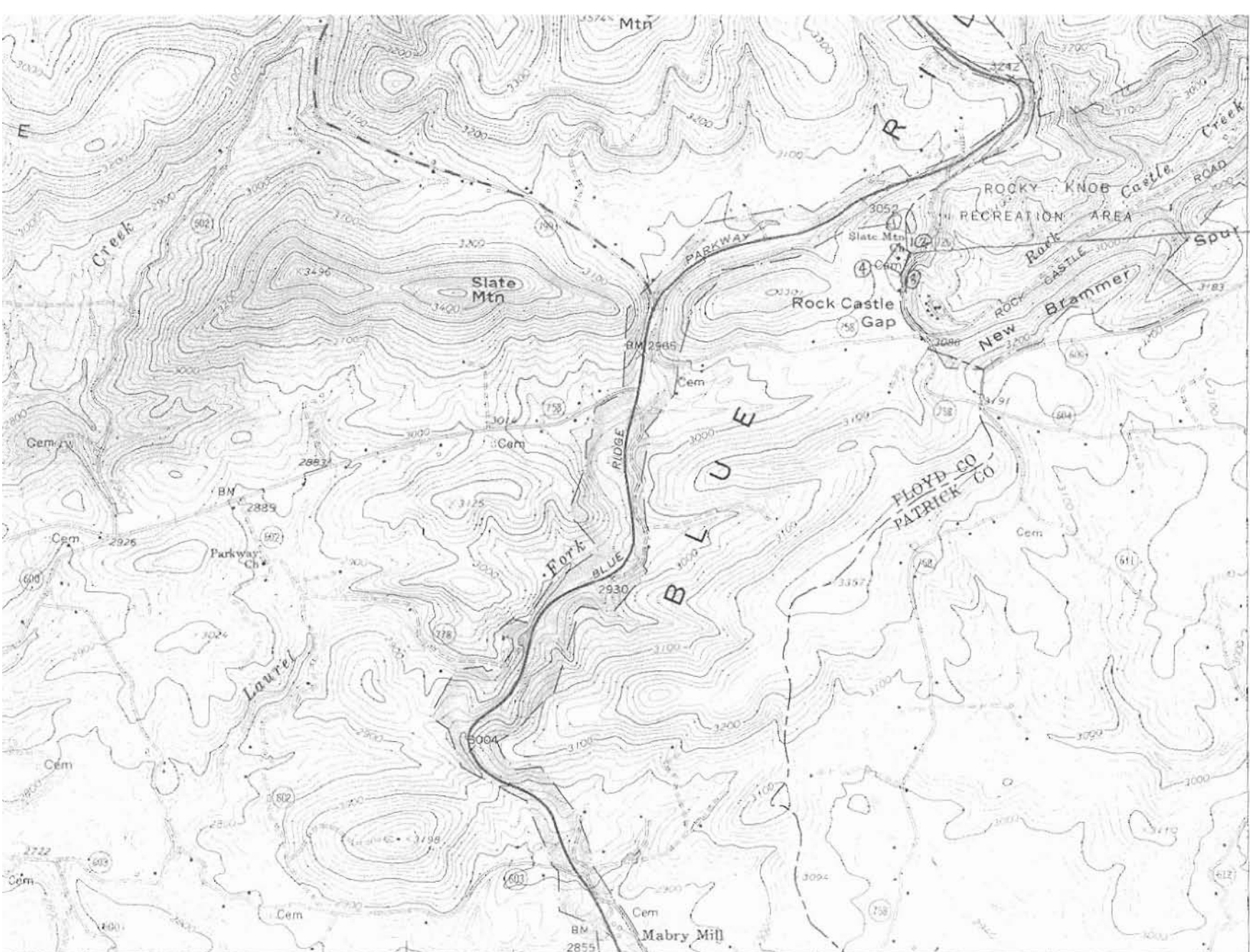
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7. Summary and Site

The Slate Mountain Church and Cemetery are prominently sited within Rock Castle Gap, on a southerly-sloping hillside among a grove of white pines, on the west side of Rt. 728 (Rock Church Road), and 3/10 of a mile north of the intersection of 728 and 758 (Willis Road). The elevation of the site is between 3100 and 3200 feet above sea level. The church grounds and cemetery are within Floyd County, but the Floyd-Patrick county line follows the road. The Blue Ridge Parkway itself is about 3/10 of a mile to the north, on the opposite side of the hill, but National Park Service land, including the parkway and the Rocky Knob National Recreation Area partially surrounds the church grounds to the north and east. Immediately to the west of the church is a 3301 foot high hilltop and in the distance to the northwest is Hog Mountain, reaching 3574 feet in height.

Description

The Slate Mountain Church consists of a one-story gable-fronted rectangular form (60' by 29'6") with a roughly square (7' by 9') bell tower centered on the building's front (south) elevation and a granite date stone at the southeast corner. The bell tower is the main architectural character-defining element and the only feature of the church derived from Gothic architecture. It features the segmental-arched opening leading to the church's entrance, which has an identical segmental arch and stained glass lighted transom. Perhaps three-fifths of the way up the tower is a circular stained glass window, less than two feet in diameter, in which the came (slender grooved lead bars used to hold the panes together) form the likeness of Jesus. A few feet above the window is a triangular-arched aperture, about 3 feet tall and 2 feet wide, with a blocky pre-cast concrete sill. The top of the tower consists of pointed, ramped parapet walls interrupted at each corner by short, square stone columns. Crenelates, consisting of sharp white quartzite rocks pointed upward, spaced at even intervals, line the top of the parapet and corner columns. The building was erected on a concrete block foundation, and has walls of light wood framing covered with a thick quartz and quartzite fieldstone exterior veneer. A few large, well-formed, faceted quartz crystals also appear among the rocks. Some others are cobble-shaped but are extremely clear, transparent quartz. On both long sides of the building (east and west) are two stone buttresses with sloped concrete copings at the top, alternating with the three windows. The rear (north) elevation, now obscured by a modern frame addition, had no fenestration. The medium-pitch gable roof is covered with brown/tan-colored asphalt shingles. The interior is an open nave plan,



Slate Mtn Church
 Floyd Co, VA
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4070263N
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4070202N
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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| Primary highway, all weather, hard surface | Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface |
| Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface | Unimproved road, fair or dry weather |

U.S. Route State Route

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