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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address 57 Zoar Lane	Common/Historic Property Name/ Both Zoar Baptist Church Zoar School	Field Survey # Jefferson County 2005-2006 Survey No. 84	Site # (SHPO Only) JR-0563
Town or Community vic. Charles Town	County Jefferson	Negative No. Jefferson County 2005-2006 Survey Roll 8, Negative 10-12	NR Listed Date n/a
Architect/Builder unidentified	Date of Construction c. 1800	Style other: central-passage	
Exterior Siding/Materials stone	Roofing Material standing-seam metal	Foundation stone	
Property Use or Function Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial Other	UTM # 18/255331/4355841		
Survey Organization & Date Taylor & Taylor Associates, for the Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission, 2005-2006	Quadrangle Name Charles Town, WV MD, VA Part of What Survey/FR# Jefferson County 2005-2006 Survey		

Sketch Map of Property
or Attach Copy of USGS Map

See Survey Report



Present Owners

Owner's Mailing Address

Phone #

Describe Setting

_____ Acres

This property is located in rural Jefferson County, north of Charles Town.

_____ Archaeological
Artifacts Present

Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present)

_____ 1½ _____ Stories

_____ 3 _____ Front Bays

Former church, converted for residential use. Built of coursed rubble limestone, with a gable roof and gable dormers, likely added with the residential conversion. Fenestration flat-topped, 6/6, with exterior louvered wood shutters. Entries both in gable end and in east lateral elevation, along with west side, to which is appended a wood porch.

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Alterations

If yes, describe

Converted for residential use.

Yes No

Additions

If yes, describe

Yes No

Describe All Outbuildings

A wood shed, clad in vertical boards, stands immediately west of the house and a more finished dependency, clad in board-and-batten, stands between the road and the building.

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Statement of Significance

In 1795 Christopher Collins led a group to found a Baptist Church in this area. The congregation first erected a wood house of worship; it was replaced by the present structure which served as a church until 1856 when the congregation relocated to Charles Town and established the Charles Town Baptist Church. The 1852 S. Howell Brown map of the county illustrates a mill, and school, and a shop here. The subject property appears as "Zoar School" of Brown's map of 1883. It remained a school until the early decades of the twentieth century. It was converted into a residence in the 1960s. The property may meet National Register Criterion C for *architecture*, although an evaluation of the integrity of the interior would be required to confirm this determination.

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Bibliographical References

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