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STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Clarke	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Chapel

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
At the intersection of Rt. 617 and Rt. 340, 3 miles North of Millwood

CITY OR TOWN:
Millwood vicinity (James Kenneth Robinson, Seventh District Congressman)

STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51** COUNTY: **Clarke** CODE: **043**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Prerervation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as <i>Appropriate</i>)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government. <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>Specify</i>) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Burwell Cemetery Corporation

STREET AND NUMBER:
Attention: George Greenbalgh

CITY OR TOWN: **Millwood** STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Clarke County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Berryville** STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **unidentified** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **D. C.** CODE: **11**

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6. Historic American Building Survey Inventory

1958 Federal

Library of Congress

Washington, D. C.

Code: 11

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Old Chapel is situated on the slope above the burying ground at the junction of Routes 340 and 255. The green span of the peaceful graveyard, exhibiting some excellent examples of ante-bellum gravestone art and craftsmanship, is enclosed by a low random rubble stone wall and is shaded by numerous trees.

The rectangular three-bay structure is forty feet long. The north end has two bays, the south -- three. The gable roof is covered by wood shingle. The walls are laid in coursed rubble limestone with simple trabeated arches over the doors and windows. The west openings have flat arches in stone. Six-panelled double doors with five-paned rectangular transoms open on the south, east and west. The windows are covered by shutters with those on the west having panels. All the shutters have iron strap hinges.

The high pulpit, set between the two eastern windows has a plain sounding board and is surrounded by an altar rail with turned balusters. Straight backed pews, marked for family occupancy by brass plaques, all face the pulpit. The gallery in the west end is entered by a steep stair opening from the exterior of the building. Wooden panelling encloses a small room in the southwest corner under the gallery. Wooden double-hung windows with original twelve-over-twelve sashes retain the original frames.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1793**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The picturesque but architecturally plain Old Chapel in Clarke County is the oldest Episcopal church building west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Frederick Parish, the original parish for Old Chapel, and Augusta Parish were formed with corresponding counties in 1738. Lord Fairfax was one of the vestrymen of Frederick Parish. The predecessor of Old Chapel was Cunningham's Chapel, a log structure, built in 1747. In 1792, Colonel Nathaniel Burwell of Carter Hall gave two acres of land for a church and the burying ground at the site of Cunningham's Chapel. The stone church was constructed just north of the old log chapel and was completed in 1793. By 1834, an enlarged congregation finding Old Chapel too small for convenient use decided to build a new church more centrally located at Millwood. Although services continued at Old Chapel for a time, these soon became sporadic and today the structure is used only once annually.

In the burying ground, still used today, lie such notables as Governor Edmund Randolph and Colonel Nathaniel Burwell as well as many others, including members of the Burwell and Page families. Although the Chapel is in the charge of the Episcopal minister at Millwood, it and the cemetery are owned by the Burwell Cemetery Corporation.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

**T. K. Cartmell, Shenandoah Valley Pioneers and Their Descendants.
Berryville: Chesapeake Book Company, 1963.**

**Thomas D. Gold, History of Clarke County, Virginia. Berryville:
Chesapeake Book Company, 1962.**

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than ten acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: **Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission** DATE: **September, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: **Richmond** STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 _____

J. R. Fishburne, Director
Title **Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission**

Date _____

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

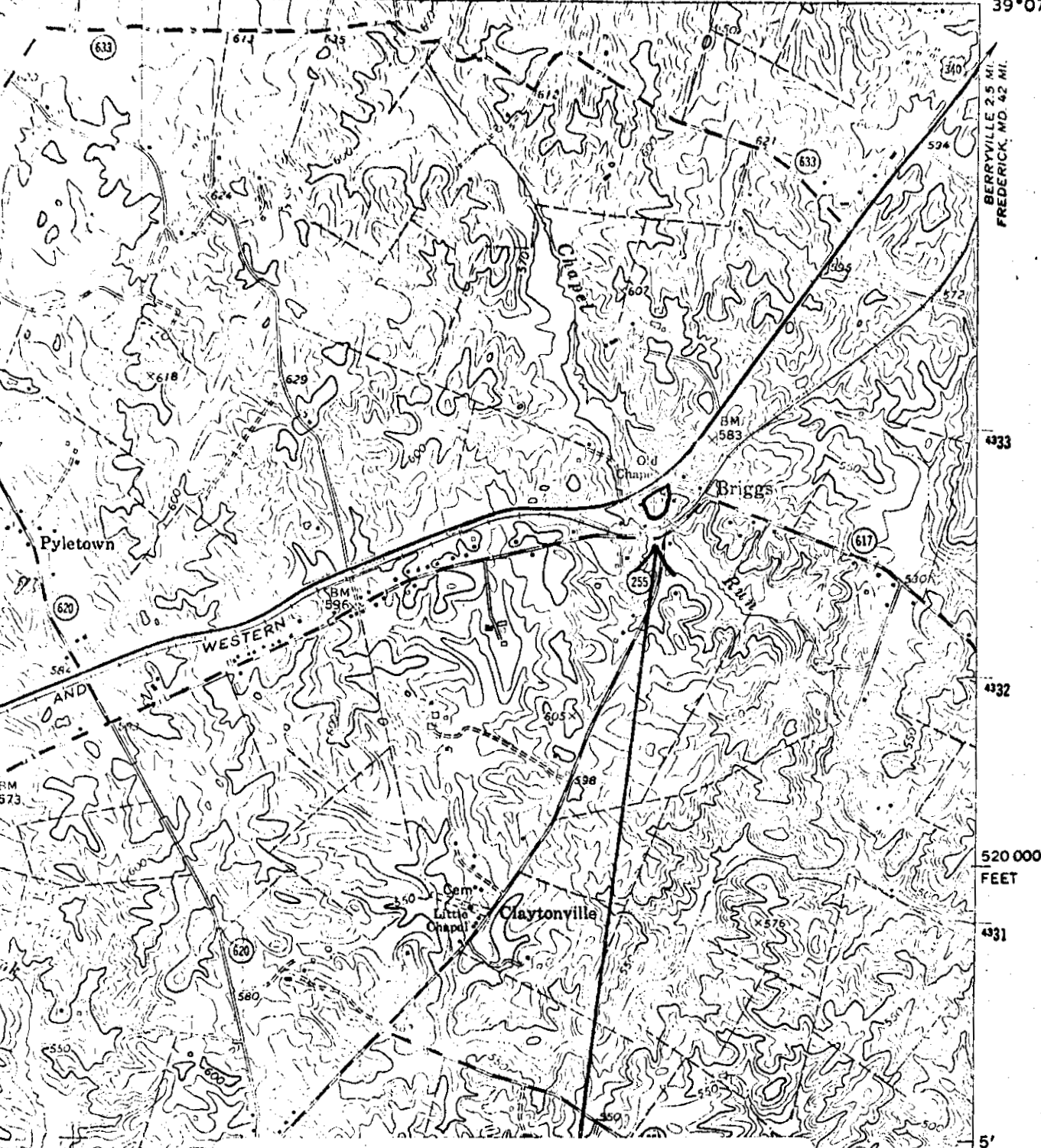
Date _____

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BOYCE QUADRANGLE
 VIRGINIA
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
 SE/4 WINCHESTER 15' QUADRANGLE

5462 III NW
 (BERRYVILLE)

2'30" 756 757 758 2 140 000 FEET 759 78°00' 39°07'30"



U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (scale:1:24000)
 Boyce, Va. 1966

OLD CHAPEL
 latitude 39°06'26" longitude 78°00'51"

5' 4330
 ENANDOAH RIVER
 Calmes Neck