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CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

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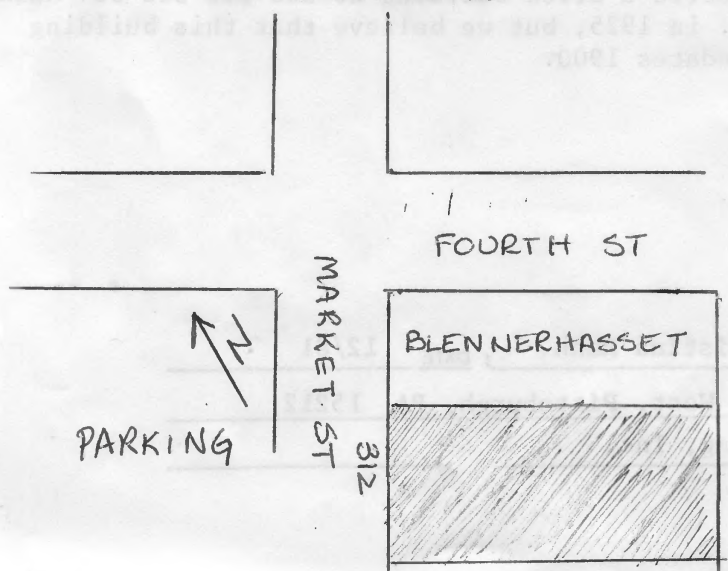
DISTRICT: SITE. BUILDING. STRUCTURE. OBJECT

- 1. NAME(S), historic/common: Smith Building (*Downtown Parkersburg WVA*)
- 2. LOCATION, street/road: 310 1/2 Market Street  
TAX MAP - LOT # 95-4  
city/town: Parkersburg, WV 26101  
(Incorporated/~~unincorporated~~)
- 3. USE/FUNCTION, present: commercial (public/private, restricted)  
original: commercial
- 4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: Sidney A. Ardman (public/private)  
300 Market St. Parkersburg, WV 26101  
original: Frank S. Smith
- 5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF: 8112-R1-F14-16  
8201-R1-F34
- 7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):



- 6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map):
- 8. ACREAGE (approx): 150' x 125'  
City Lot No. 95-4  
(See No. 2)

COUNTY: Wood  
Survey Region: \_\_\_\_\_  
Planning District: \_\_\_\_\_



9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate): See attached

a. Exterior Fabric

stone \_\_\_\_\_  
 brick red \_\_\_\_\_  
 concrete \_\_\_\_\_  
 stucco \_\_\_\_\_  
 weatherboard \_\_\_\_\_  
 clapboard \_\_\_\_\_  
 board & batten \_\_\_\_\_  
 shingle \_\_\_\_\_  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

b. Structural System

masonry X \_\_\_\_\_  
 frame \_\_\_\_\_  
 log \_\_\_\_\_  
 metal \_\_\_\_\_  
 other \_\_\_\_\_  
 foundation \_\_\_\_\_

c. Roofing Material

wood \_\_\_\_\_  
 metal \_\_\_\_\_  
 slate \_\_\_\_\_  
 tile \_\_\_\_\_  
 asphalt X \_\_\_\_\_  
 composition \_\_\_\_\_  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 dependencies \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 other \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated \_\_\_\_\_  
 alterations 1st story storefronts \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 additions \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

f. Condition:

excellent \_\_\_\_\_  
 good X \_\_\_\_\_  
 fair \_\_\_\_\_  
 deteriorated \_\_\_\_\_  
 abandoned \_\_\_\_\_

g. Threats:

Soft brick appears to be falling away in places.

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

\_\_\_\_\_

b. Style/Period:

\_\_\_\_\_

c. Date(s): 1898?

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As a simple commercial structure of the turn of the century, the Smith Building incorporates some fine brick detailing in a rhythmic 18 bay, 3 story facade. Of particular interest are the metal cornice, the corbeled hanging buttresses at the corners, and the curved brickwork on the pilaster strips between the d/s (1/1) windows and the 3rd story arcade. The 1st story storefronts, modern replacements, could be restored.

The building once housed a bowling alley. It makes a fine companion piece to the Blennerhasset Hotel to the NE.

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Building records suggest that Frank S. Smith erected a brick building at 308-310-312-314 Market St. in 1925, but we believe that this building predates 1900.

12. FORM PREPARED BY Eliza Smith, Christina Mann, DATE 12/81

a. Address Allegheny Square West, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

b. Organization Landmarks Planning, Inc.

Smith Building  
310½ Market Street  
95-4



312-840-1000  
Sales Building  
A-2

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