

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

NRIS Reference Number: 03000349      Date Listed: 05/02/03

Smith, W.H., Hardware Company

Building  
Property Name

Wood  
County

WV  
State

N/A  
Multiple Name

**This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.**

  
Signature of the Keeper

5-2-03  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

**10. Geographical Data**

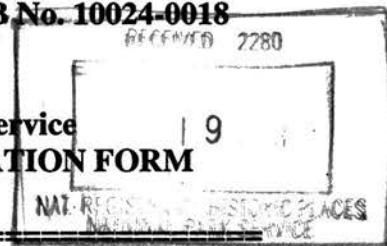
The acreage of the property is <1.

This information has been confirmed with WVSHPO staff by telephone.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without attachment)

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

**1. Name of Property**

historic name: W.H. SMITH HARDWARE COMPANY BUILDING

other name/site number: Oil & Gas Museum of the Oil, Gas, and Industrial Historical Association

**2. Location**

street & number: 119 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Parkersburg

vicinity: N/A

state: WV

county: Wood code: 107

zip code: 26101

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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.)

Susan M. Pierce  
Signature of Certifying Official

3/13/03  
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

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

Signature of Certifying Official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:

*[Signature]* Signature of Keeper      Date of Action  
*[Signature]*      5-2-03

entered in the National Register

    \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_ determined eligible for the  
National Register

    \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the  
National Register

\_\_\_ removed from the National Register

\_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

**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
- \_\_\_ district
- \_\_\_ site
- \_\_\_ structure
- \_\_\_ object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	TOTAL

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions**  
**COMMERCE/TRADE: Specialty Store**

**Current Functions**  
**RECREATION AND CULTURE: Museum**

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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification:**  
**LATE VICTORIAN: Romanesque Revival**

**Materials**

Foundation: Stone

Walls: Brick

Roof: Metal

Other: Cast iron; clay tile

**Narrative Description**  
(See continuation on sheets.)

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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**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.

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**Criteria Considerations**

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

Property is:

A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

B removed from its original location.

C a birthplace or 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**

ARCHITECTURE

COMMERCE

**Period of Significance**

1899-1953

**Significant Dates**

1899

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(See continuation sheets.)

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**Architectural Description:**

The W. H. Smith Hardware Company is a four story commercial building with Romanesque Revival architectural elements. It is located in the city of Parkersburg on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Juliana Street and Ann Street and adjacent to an alley on its northwest side. At one time part of a dense urban core, the building is now surrounded by open space—the result of urban renewal demolition in the 1970s and 1980s. Since the construction of the first building on this site, ca.1874, it has been used as a hardware store serving the citizens of Parkersburg and the surrounding area. In 1899 the original structure was ravaged by a fire and the present building was reconstructed on the original foundation. The present building appears basically as it was originally built with few alterations. The structure still retains its original light fixtures, hardware store shelving with trolley type ladder, and heating units. Of note are the twin gas lights on the outside entrance to the building. The building is presently home to the Oil & Gas Museum of the Oil, Gas and Industrial Historical Association where over 200 years of local industrial history may be viewed by the public.

The present building is a rectangular shape measuring approximately 60' by 120' with an outcrop on the west corner of approximately 18' by 12'. The foundation is not visible from the outside, but in the basement a system of stone load bearing walls and lumber beams supporting brick walls is visible. A massive central beam is supported by approximately 4' by 4' brick and stone pillars capped with 8" iron support columns. The main façade consists of a combination of wood, iron and brick, with wood and ironwork dominating the first floor and brick completing the remaining floors. The first floor (south-west façade) has a central double door entry cove with twin gas lights (not presently functional) on either side. The trim in the entrance cove is not overly ornate in nature and is made from standard lumber. The doors are wooden with glass in the upper 3/5 and two vertical raised panels in the bottom. The lock mechanism is brass with ornate perimeter decoration.

There are four shop windows each on either side of the front doors. Each is separated by a false column with ornate elements positioned a several points, including one to four vertical grooves present on each cast iron column, with decorative column capitals at the top. Each window has a transom, glass and a grate. The transom has been covered with wood on several windows, and has been replaced with square glass blocks on others. The windows cover the major part of this section and are made of plate glass. The grates are black iron and bolted to the façade—they provided security for the transoms that let air enter the basement of the building. The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> floors of the front façade are predominantly brick with columns of lighter colored bricks making vertical lines spaced equally across the facade. There are three windows within each of the three vertical areas formed by the columns. The windows are of the double-hung sash type with a one over one pane arrangement on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors and a two over one arrangement on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. All of the windows on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor are missing and plywood has been placed over the openings. The plywood has letters painted on each one to spell: "MUSEUM."

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The 4<sup>th</sup> floor has two remaining windows and likewise has plywood covers that together read: "OIL & GAS." Notable is the original: "W.H. SMITH HARDWARE CO." hand painted store sign between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors. There is also a hand painted sign between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor that reads: "WHOLESALE SINCE 1874." The top of the front façade is capped with a corbeled brick cornice that runs the length of the building. A clay tile cap finishes the facade, sealing the top of the cornice bricks from the weather.

The front of the northwest side façade faces an alley. The facade has a number of casement windows of which are fashioned in a two over two construction. Two freight delivery doors of metal construction are located towards the rear of the façade. The trim for the windows and doors is made of lumber and brick with no ornamentation. The windows that illuminate the basement are covered by iron vertical bars as are the windows on the first floor. The north/east facade or back of the building is of the same construction. The windows are also, configured the same as on the previous façade.

The southeast façade is brick and bears a large painted mural, completed in 2000. The mural depicts events, people and places of historical significance to the area. The second, third and fourth floors have two vertical rows of windows symmetrically placed on the façade.

The tin and tar roof of the building is flat. There are two freight elevator shaft housings on either side of the roof that extend beyond the cornice line. A skylight is situated in the center of the roof that allows sunlight to penetrate the interior of the building down to the first floor.

The interior has remained intact with the original hardwood floors throughout the entire structure with the exception of the basement, which at this time has concrete floors. The interior partition walls are constructed out of dimensioned lumber framing finished with plaster or modern sheetrock. Most of the ceilings are covered with a decorative pressed tin. Original period lights still hang throughout the building.

The floor plan remains the same as when it was used as a hardware store. However, the basement as well as the first and second floors are now used for public access display areas. The third and fourth floors are used for storage of donated items to be inventoried and prepared for future display.

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The W. H. Smith Hardware Company Building is significant under Criterion A for Commerce and for Criterion C for Architecture. The building once housed a thriving business in the courthouse section of downtown Parkersburg. The property is significant for its association with the development of commerce in Parkersburg as well as for its Romanesque Revival architectural style that enhances its facade. The period of significance for the structure is 1899 to 1953, a time period that begins with the building's construction, and ends at a point fifty years before the present date. During that period, the building served its purpose as the home of a significant regional supplier of hardware items.

#### Historical Background & Significance

The W.H. Smith Hardware Company has been a presence in the commercial economy of the city of Parkersburg for over 100 years. The business was first developed in a period of rapid industrial and commercial growth for Parkersburg. The development of more efficient modes of transportation allowed for an expansion of commerce. Parkersburg's economic activity increased dramatically during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Therefore, the store was intricately woven into the development of commerce generally, as well as the specific development of a retail hardware market in Parkersburg.

The W. H. Smith Hardware Store, established in 1874, was started at its present site on Third Street. The company was incorporated in 1884 with W.H. Smith, Sr., W.H. Smith, Jr., C.R. Smith, T.P. Smith and Levin Smith serving as shareholders. W.H. Smith, Sr. was elected as the first president, a position that he would hold until his death. After the death of the senior W.H. Smith, W.H. Smith Jr., who held the majority interest with 350 shares, was elected president. W. H. Smith Jr. held the position of president until his death in 1929.

In 1886, the W. H. Smith Hardware Company had a catalogue produced by C.T. Woodrow & Co., Printers, of Cincinnati, Ohio called the "Illustrated and Descriptive Price-list." Located within the catalogue are all the items available through the company. One page reads as follows:

TO THE TRADE, We hand you, herewith, our general Catalogue for your convenience in making up orders, to which your attention is invited. You will herein find in addition to a line of general Shelf and Hardware, a very large assortment of Agricultural Implements, Farm and School Bells. Carriage, Wagonmakers' and Blacksmiths' Goods and Tools, Saddler's Goods, Saddlery Hardware, Cordage, Twines, Paper Bags, Wrapping Paper, Woodenware, Baskets, Brooms, Paints, Oils, Brushes, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Glass, Lime, Cement, Plaster, Plasterers' Hair, Fire Clay, Fire Brick, Terra Cotta Flue Pipe, Shingles, Iron and Tin Roofing, Bar Iron, Steel, Sleigh Woods, Stoves, Plain, Stamped and Japanned Tinware, Tinnners' Trimmings and Tools, Sheet iron, Zinc, Copper and Brass, Mantels, fire Fronts, Wire, Brass and Copper Goods, Granite Iron Ware, Flat and Hollow Silver-plated-ware, Clocks, Fishing Tackle, Guns, Revolvers, Pocket and Table



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Cutlery, School Supplies, Shoe Findings, Leather and gum Belting, Packing, Scales, Grain Mills, Fan Mills, Engines.

The catalogue goes on to say that the "Manufactures of Tinware, together with various novelties and specialities on which we will, at any time, be pleased to make you very special close prices on application. Soliciting your orders, we are Very Respectfully Yours, The W. H. Smith Hardware Co." The magnitude of the list of items available to the public shows the irreplaceable value of the company to the community at the time.

In August 1899, tragedy struck the company in the form of a fire which badly damaged the original building. Immediately, the company began to rebuild. A new building was constructed on the remaining foundation of the building damaged by fire.

The McHose and Lyon Co. of Dayton, Ohio was hired to provide the cast iron facade located on the ground story of the new building. The McHose & Lyon Dayton Architectural Iron Works was in business for about 30 years beginning in 1868. According to the time when the new building was built, the W. H. Smith Hardware Store would have had to been one of the last to be adorned with works by the Dayton firm. A builder's plaque is located on the front left column that positively identifies their work. Examples of William McHose & Lyons work can be found all over the Mid-west, and has been noted as a key architectural element in the Oregon Historic District in Dayton, Ohio.

Unfortunately, the W.H. Smith Hardware Store is one of the last remaining examples of Romanesque Revival commercial architecture in downtown Parkersburg. Most of the area's commercial buildings from the late 19th and the early 20th century have been demolished, including the neighboring Chancellor Hardware Company building. As a result of the city's demolition campaigns, the architectural significance for the building is great--indeed, the building's very presence is thus a valuable reminder of the commercial and architectural development of Parkersburg.

The W.H. Smith Hardware Store remained in business at the Third Street location until the late 1980s, when its owners, descendants of the founder, decided a change of location was needed due to the decline of the downtown area. The company is presently located on the south side off State Route 68. Currently, the building houses a museum honoring the historical development of business and industry in Parkersburg and the surrounding oil fields.

The W.H. Smith Hardware Company building was at the heart of Parkersburg's physical and commercial development and remains as a significant architectural example of that same development. entity in Parkersburg for well over a 100 years. The building is significant for its contribution to the commercial development of Parkersburg. and for its distinctive Romanesque Revival style of architecture which defines the period in which the building was developed.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**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:**

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

Name of Repository: Wood County Historic Landmarks Commission

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**10. Geographical Data**

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**Acreage of Property:**

**UTM References**

Quad Map: Parkersburg, W.Va-Ohio

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

(See continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(See continuation sheet.)

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The Oregon District, <http://www.oregondistrict.org/>

Downtown Parkersburg Multiple Resource Area cover document and individual nomination forms.

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

Described in Wood County Deed Book 901, page 647-649 as follows for tract #2 where the building is located: Beginning at a point one hundred (100) feet from the corner of Third Street and Saint James Court Alley, and running thence parallel with said Third from said alley eighty-five and 2/12 (85-2/12) feet towards Juliana Street; thence parallel with said alley and from Third Street twenty and 4/12 (20-4/12) feet: thence at a right angles to said alley and parallel with Third Street eighty-five and 2/12 (85-2/12) feet to said alley: thence with the line of Saint James Court Alley twenty and 4/12 (29-4/12) feet to the beginning., with all the buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging, being a part of In-lot No. 33, in the City of Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia.

**Boundary Justification**

The property line described above is the historic boundary of the W.H. Smith Hardware Company Building.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Name/Title: Alan Rowe, WVSHPO, and James Miracle

Organization: West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office      Date: January 21, 2003

Street & Number: 1900 Kanawha Blvd. East      Telephone: 304-558-0240

City or Town: Charleston      State: WV      ZIP: 25305-0300

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**Property Owner**

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

Name: Oil and Gas Museum of the Oil and Gas Industrial Historical Association

Street & Number: 119 3<sup>rd</sup> Street      Telephone: 304-485-5446

City or Town: Parkersburg      State: WV      Zip: 26101

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Town: Parkersburg

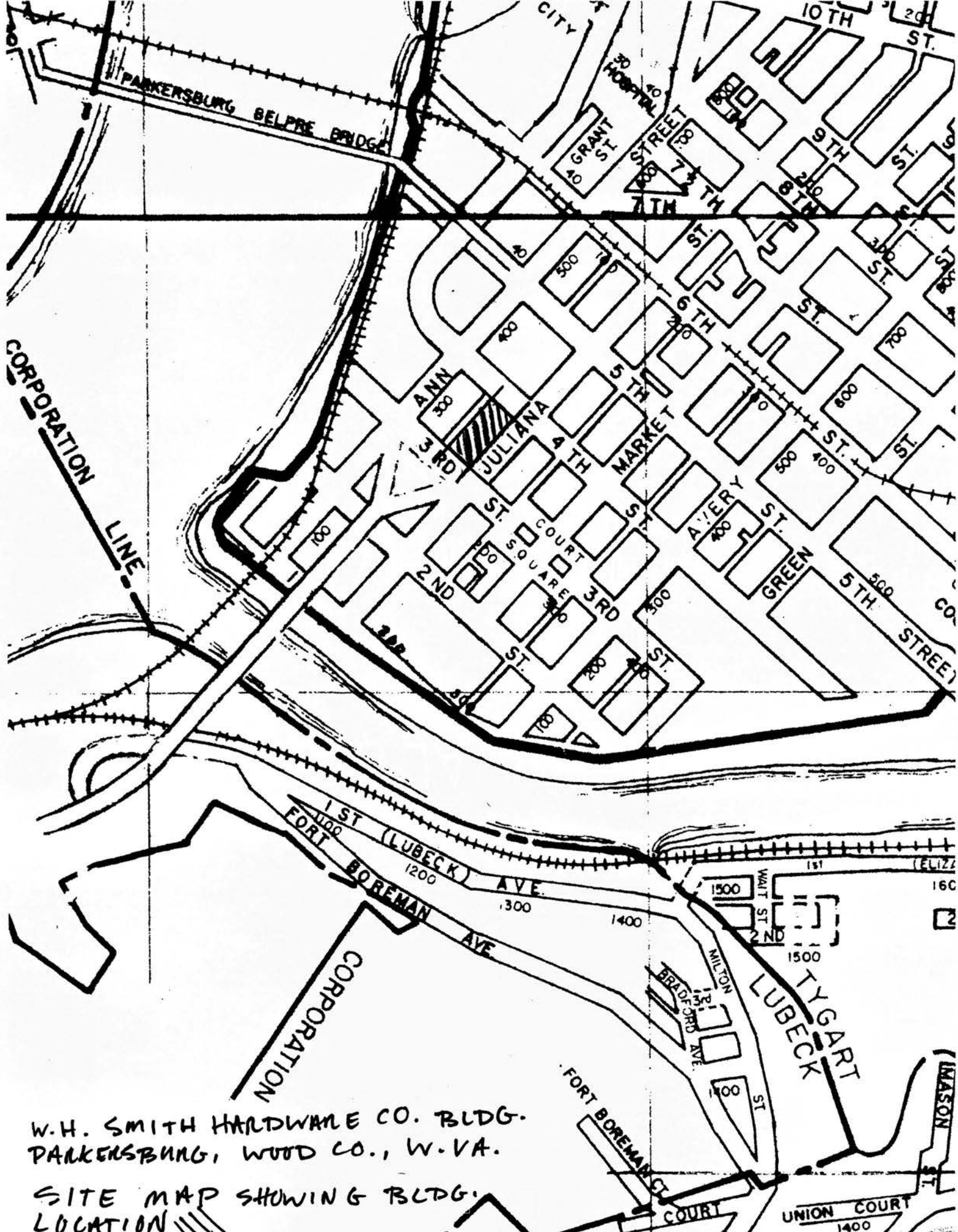
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Date: July 3, 2002

Negatives: Wood County Historic Landmarks Commission

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- Photo 3 of 11:                      Detail of cast iron column, camera facing E.
- Photo 4 of 11:                      Cast iron column capital detail, camera facing E.
- Photo 5 of 11:                      McHose & Lyon plaque on cast iron column, camera facing E.
- Photo 6 of 11:                      Northwest side elevation, camera facing SE.
- Photo 7 of 11:                      Rear elevation, camera facing SW.
- Photo 8 of 11:                      Metal window grate, camera facing SE.
- Photo 9 of 11:                      Southeast side elevation, showing large painted mural, camera facing NW.
- Photo 10 of 11:                      Floor beams as visible in basement.
- Photo 11 of 11:                      First story display room, showing tin ceiling and original light fixtures.



W.H. SMITH HARDWARE CO. BLDG.  
 PARKERSBURG, WOOD CO., W.VA.

SITE MAP SHOWING BLDG.  
 LOCATION



W.H. Smith Hardware Co.  
Wood Co., WV  
#1





W.H. Smith  
Hardware  
Co.  
Wood Co., W  
#2



W.H.  
SMITH  
Hardware  
Co.  
Wood Co.,  
WV  
#3



W.H.  
Smith  
Hardware  
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Wood Co.,  
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W. A. SMITH HARDWARE CO.  
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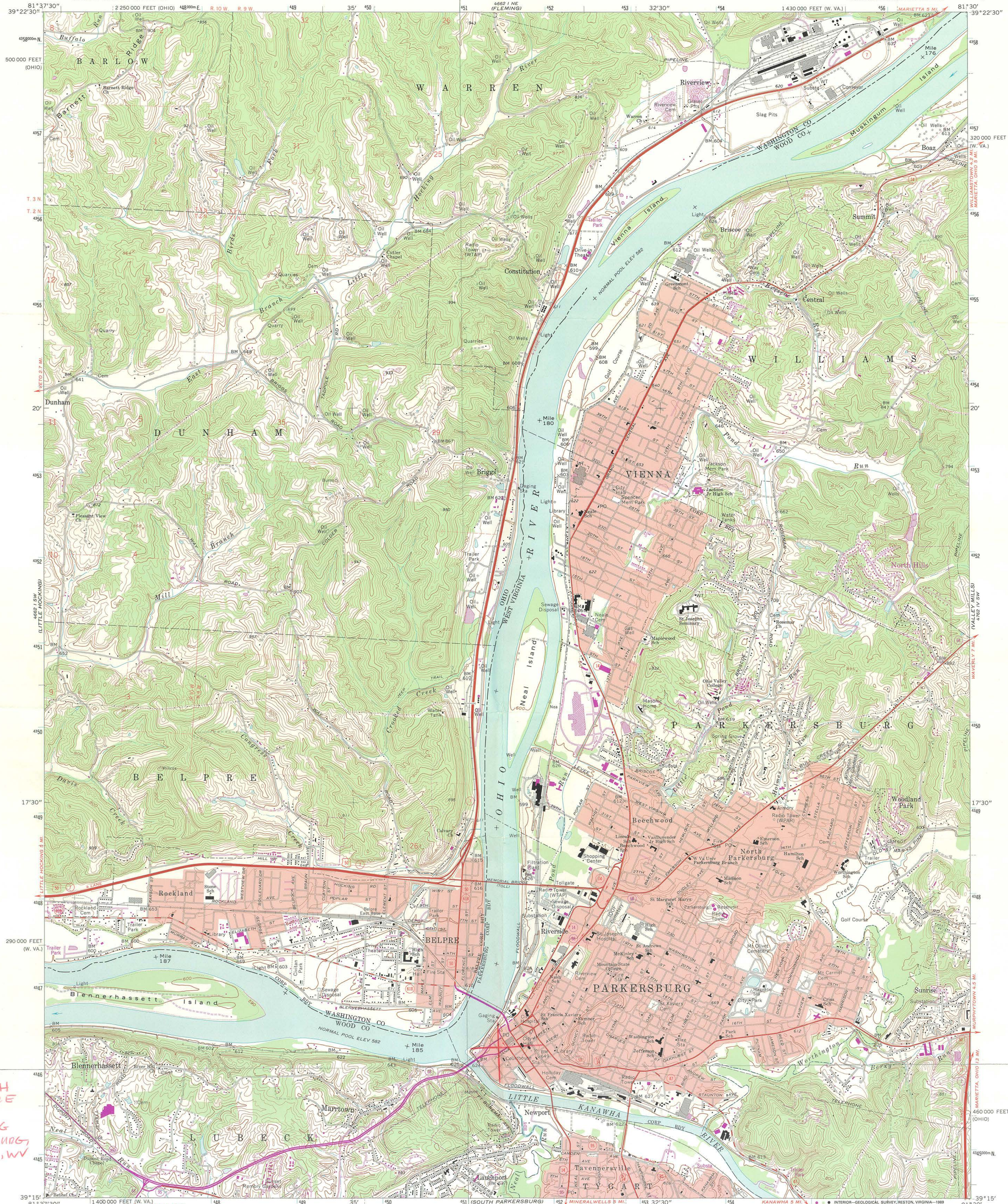
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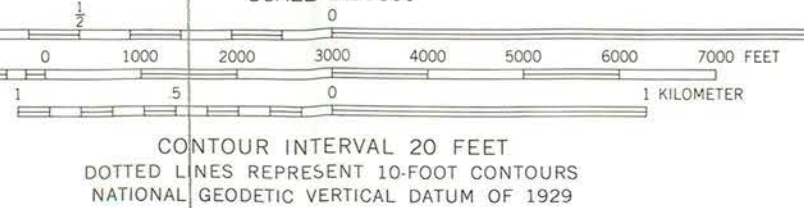


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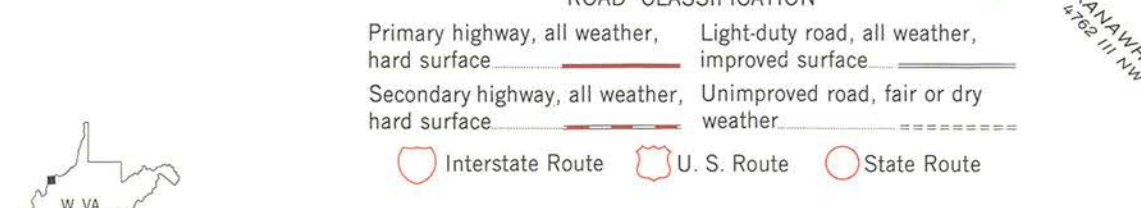
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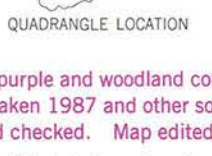


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Unimproved road, fair or dry weather  
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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Smith, W.H., Hardware Company Building

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: WEST VIRGINIA, Wood

DATE RECEIVED: 3/19/03                      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 4/02/03  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 4/18/03                      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/03/03  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 03000349

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N    DATA PROBLEM: N    LANDSCAPE: N    LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
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COMMENT WAIVER: N

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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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REVIEWER Javage

DISCIPLINE Architectural History

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March 18, 2003

Ms. Carol D. Shull  
Keeper, National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service 2280  
National Register of Historic Places  
1201 "I" (Eye) Street, NW  
Washington D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

We are submitting for your review and approval the following National Register registration forms:

Christian Allemong House—Jefferson County  
Baker's Fort Massacre Site—Hancock County  
Edward Colston House—Berkeley County  
Clarence Hovermale House—Morgan County  
George Pinkney Morgan House—Marion County  
✓ W.H. Smith Hardware Company Building—Wood County  
Virginian Railway Yard Historic District—Mercer County

The enclosed nominations have been approved by the State Archives and History Commission in accordance with Federal regulations for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. We submit the *Baker's Fort Massacre Site* registration form as the final installment of the requested revisions to the unsuccessful *Baker's Bottom Historic District*, Newell vicinity, Hancock County, which has been split into three separate entities. Parts one and two, the *Nathan Hellings Apple Barn*, and *Waterford Park*, respectively, were resubmitted and listed in the National Register on December 12, 2002.

Additionally, a replacement photo log and five replacement archival photographs are enclosed for combination with the *Fort Boreman* registration form, a resource located in Parkersburg, Wood County, that is currently being held for listing. The revised photo log strikes photo four of six, as our photography service lab could not successfully reproduce the image. In our opinion, the remaining photographs document the fort site adequately.

Sincerely,

Alan R. Rowe  
National Register/Survey Coordinator

Enclosures