United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property
   Shinnston Historic District
   historic name: N/A
   other names/site number: Shinnston Historic District

2. Location
   street & number: Bounded by Charles Street, East Street, Clement Streets and the West Fork River.
   city or town: Shinnston
   city or town: N/A
   not for publication: N/A
   county: Harrison
   state: West Virginia
   code: WV
   code: 033
   zip code: 26131

3. State/Federal Agency Certification
   As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that
   this ___ 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 ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria.
   I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide ___ locally. (___ See
   continuation sheet for additional comments.)
   ___________________________
   Signature of certifying official
   ___________________________
   Date

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

*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.
- [ ] determined eligible for the National Register
- [ ] See continuation sheet.
- [ ] determined not eligible for the National Register
- [ ] removed from the National Register
- [ ] other (explain): __________________________

________________________  __________________________
Signature of Keeper        Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property        Category of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)  (Check only one box)
- [X] private
- [X] public-local
- [ ] public-State
- [ ] public-Federal
- [ ] building(s)
- [X] district
- [ ] site
- [ ] structure
- [ ] object

Number of Resources within Property

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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.): N/A
6. Function or Use

**HISTORIC FUNCTIONS**
*(Enter categories from instructions)*

- Domestic; single dwelling, multiple dwelling; hotel
- Commerce/Trade; business, professional, financial institution, specialty store, department store; restaurant; warehouse
- Social; meeting hall
- Government; city hall; post office
- Education; school
- Religion; religious facility; church-related residence
- Funerary; mortuary
- Transportation; rail-related

**CURRENT FUNCTIONS**
*(Enter categories from instructions)*

- Domestic; single dwelling, multiple dwelling;
- Commerce/Trade; business, professional, financial institution, specialty store, department store; restaurant; warehouse
- Social; meeting hall
- Government; city hall;
- Religion; religious facility; church-related residence
- Funerary; mortuary
- Transportation; pedestrian-related

7. Description

**Architectural Classification** *(Enter categories from instructions)*
- Colonial; Postmedival English; Southern Tradition
- Late Victorian; Folk Victorian; Gothic; Italianate; Shingle Style
- Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals; Colonial Revival; Neo-Classical Revival
- Late 19th and 20th Century American Movements; Commercial Style; Bungalow/Craftsman

**MATERIALS** *(Enter categories from instructions)*
- foundation: brick, stone, concrete block
- roof: asphalt, asbestos, metal
- walls: wood, brick, synthetics
- other: N/A

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

- **X** 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.

- **X** 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.)

- **N/A** A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

- **N/A** B removed from its original location.

- **N/A** C a birthplace or a grave.

- **N/A** D a cemetery.

- **N/A** E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

- **N/A** F a commemorative property.

- **N/A** G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Enter categories from instructions)

- Architecture
- Commerce
- Exploration/Settlement
- Industry

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE: 1815-1940

SIGNIFICANT DATES: 1890
Shinnston Historic District

SIGNIFICANT PERSON: N/A
(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

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

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

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

N/A preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

N/A previously listed in the National Register

N/A previously determined eligible by the National Register

N/A designated a National Historic Landmark

N/A recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #

N/A recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data

X State Historic Preservation Office

___ Other State agency

___ Federal agency

___ Local government

X University

X Other

Name of repository: Harrison County Landmarks Commission

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Approximately 45 acres

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

Shinnston Quad Map

Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing
A. 17 559950 4360715 D. 17 560310 4360600
B. 17 560495 4361000 E. 17 560100 4360460
C. 17 560480 4361020

___ See continuation sheet.
Shinnston Historic District Harrison County, WV

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

Name/title:

Organization: The West Virginia History & Preservation Company Date: August 15, 1997

Street & Number: 317 Lexington Ave Telephone: 304-296-5755
City or Town: Westover State: WV ZIP Code: 26505

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps
A USGS map (7.5 minute series, Shinnston Quadrangle, 1960, revised 1977) 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 __________ Multiple owners __________

street & number ________________________________ telephone __________________

city or town _________________________________ state ______ zip code ________

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SECTION 7 NARRATIVE

The Shinnston Historic District is located at the confluence of the West Fork River and Shinn's Run. The district begins on flat plain near the river and sharply rises to hillside to the southeast. US Route 19 travels through the center of the district and is a main throughfare between the commercial centers of Clarksburg and Fairmont. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad built a line to Shinnston in 1890 and the abandoned rail line passes between Pike Street (US 19) and the West Fork River.

Development of the historic district can be separated into two geographic areas. The original Shinnston street plan was developed in 1815. Charles, Main, Walnut, Bridge, and Rebecca Streets ran perpendicular to the West Fork River while Water, Pike, and High Streets ran parallel to the river. The community remained in this configuration until 1890, when the railroad came to Shinnston. After the coming of the railroad and the industrialization of the area, Shinnston expanded to create and include Station, Mahlon, and Clement Streets. The commercial enterprises were located in the older street plan. Pike Street was the major commercial street with business concentrated between Main and Rebecca Streets. The businesses represented the commercial styles popular in the early decades of the 20th century. Residences were located on Charles, Main, and Walnut Streets and represented the styles of the mid to late 19th Century.

Historic photographs of the commercial area following Pike Street show that the density and scale of the downtown has remained the same since a large number of buildings were constructed by Charles Ashby Short, a Shinnston builder, between 1905 and 1920. The concentration of downtown buildings retains the historic feeling of a business center. In spite of some unsympathetic renovations, the commercial district between Main and Rebecca Streets remains remarkably similar to its 1920 appearance. Most commercial buildings are two or three stories of masonry construction. Pike Street retains residences constructed from 1885-1920 in the 100 and 500 blocks in addition to 1910-1920 masonry apartment buildings in the 500 block.

The setting of residential areas remains consistent in the historic district. Residences, especially on Mahlon, lower Main, and Clement Streets, retain their historic setting. Very little modern construction has taken place in the residential areas, so these residences resemble their historic appearances. Residences on Mahlon and Clement Streets are predominantly two story with hip and gable roof plans. Other streets in the downtown area have a mixture of one and two story residences intermixed with a few commercial buildings. Many homes on these streets have gable roofs with either a side or rear slightly sloped or flat main roof extension. The southeast side of Charles Street has a row of one story, end gable, central entry circa 1930 mining houses. Several residences in the area date to the 1880s. The non-contributing structures are due to unsympathetic renovations to their exteriors.

One hundred and forty-three buildings in the historic district are considered to contribute to the Shinnston Historic District. One hundred and two structures in the district were considered to be non-contributing because of alterations or new construction.
Some of the more significant buildings include:

The Frank Abruzzino House at 99 Bridge Street, Survey # 118, sits on the brow of the hill overlooking downtown Shinnston. The residence was built for an Italian immigrant who made his fortune with a chain of retail grocery stores located in several north central West Virginia towns. Mr. Abruzzino settled in Shinnston in 1904 and began to build his fortune. He maintained a wholesale grocery warehouse in the Railroad Street area of Shinnston to supply his chain of stores. His Neoclassical residence is dominated by a full-height entry porch with heavy square support columns without capitals or ornamentation. The residence has Neoclassic boxed eaves with dentils and a moderate overhang. The front facade has symetrically balanced windows and center door. When the Abruzzino family moved to the home in 1922, it had 28 rooms, 4 bathrooms and a third floor ballroom. After Mr. Abruzzino's death in 1961, the property was sold to James Demus and was subsequently turned into the Colonial Apartments. The structure is now being restored to a single family residence.

The Aaron Shinn House at 20 Charles Street, Survey # 1, is the oldest residence in downtown Shinnston. According to tradition, Aaron (son of Levi and Elizabeth Shinn) and his wife carried stones in leather aprons from the nearby West Fork River to build this house circa 1821. The two story house was known locally as the “Old Stone Mansion.” The residence gained fame through its inclusion in the romantic novel, Daughters of Time, written by Granville Davisson Hall in 1899.

The I.O.O.F. Lodge building at 227-229 Pike Street, Survey # 58, was built in 1906. This commercial two story brick structure has a very attractive diamond patterned band and a second band which includes I.O.O.F. and a rounded arch pattern, in contrasting brick work above the third story windows on the front facade. The paired windows have stone sills and lintels. Except for changes to two sets of second story windows and to one ground floor store front, this building is essentially as it was when built in 1906.

The Dr. Emory Strickler or Wilma Watkins House at 99 Main Street, Survey # 49, was built around 1875 for Dr. Strickler, the first Superintendent of Schools for Clay District of Harrison County. He was first elected in 1861 while Harrison County was still part of Virginia and reelected for another term after West Virginia became a state. Dr. Strickler received his medical training in Cincinnati, Ohio. His patients, whom he reached by horseback, lived over a far flung region from Buckhannon, West Virginia to Uniontown, Pa. His son-in-law, Charles Watkins, who next lived in the house and operated an insurance business in the small structure on the property, was instrumental in bringing the first high school to Shinnston. Mr. Watkin’s daughter, Wilma Watkins, continued this education tradition. She was a teacher and principal for many years in the Harrison County School system. The two story “I” house has a pedimented gable central entrance portico and three interior brick chimneys, one in each gable end.

The Guarascio or Ashby Apartments at 5 18 Pike Street, Survey # 146, were built by Charles Ashby Short. Mr. Short was a carpenter who became a prolific builder in the Harrison County area. His first house was erected on East Rebecca Street. He followed the design of the house at 41 Rebecca Street built in 1885 and still standing. The apartment building, constructed around 1910, has three stories with a mansard roof and a set of three
pediment dormers on the front facade. The building is still being used as apartments. The Short Apartments, the Methodist Protestant Church, the Charles Building and the Farmers Bank are just a few of the more than 100 structures he built in and around Shinnston, which included his own home at 72-74 Station Street.

The First National Bank of Shinnston at 400 Pike Street, Survey #111, is a handsome two story temple front corner plan building. Full height, paired at center, corner entry contrasting brick pilasters have decorative corbelling. The cornice line is embellished with decorative brick work. A stone floral crest ornament tops the structure over the second story set of three windows. Full height pilasters separate sets of paired 1/1 double hung sash windows on second story side facades. The windows have stone sills and lintels. The pilasters are elevated from street level on stone pedestals on the Pike Street facade and on a three course stone wall on the Bridge Street facade. The building is no longer used as a bank building.

The contributing and non-contributing structures are as follows:

1 - 20 Charles Street - Aaron Shinn House. Stone residence with asphalt shingle roof. Two story, three bay, front gable. Two interior brick and stone chimneys, located at the gable ends. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. Both front and right facade shed roof porches are modern additions as is a flat roof one story addition on the left facade. 1821. Contributing.

2 - 38 Charles Street - Residence with clapboard siding and slate shingle roof. Two and one-half stories, two bay, hipped roof plan. Cross gabled dormer facing street. Windows are double hung 1/1 sash. Full width porch with wooden Doric columns. Interior brick chimney is in the hip slope. Circa 1890. One cellar house in rear with two story front gabled plan with a jig cut medallion under the gable. A one story cement block gable roof duplex is on the rear of the property. Circa 1985. Two contributing buildings, one non contributing.

3 - 40 Charles Street - Residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story intersecting gable roof plan. One story flat roof porch with square pressure treated supports and open railing. Group of three 1/1 double hung windows in front facade over the porch. Windows on side facades are paired 1/1 double hung sash. Circa 1920. Contributing. A two story side gable garage apartment is on the rear of the property. The cement block first story has two garage doors that open onto the alley that runs along the left facade of the property. The second floor has vinyl siding and is reached by a wooden set of steps on the front facade, which ends on a wooden deck. Circa 1935. Non contributing. Extensive exterior remodeling. One contributing building and one non contributing building.

4 - 42 Charles St. - Residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two and one-half story front gable. Full width porch with slightly hipped roof on front facade. Interior brick chimney on ridge line. Windows on second floor are 1/1 double hung sash. Circa 1920. Contributing.

5 - 44 Charles Street - Apartment with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story side gabled garage


8 - Charles Street - Christian Church with clapboard siding and asphalt shingle roof. One story gable end and wing plan. Structure is raised on its foundation. Two story, squared top tower is located on front of gable ell. Windows are double hung 1/1 sash with pointed arches. Built in 1905. Two successive remodelling projects in 1920 and 1953. Contributing.


11 - 64 Charles Street - Residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two and one-half story, three bay, pyramidal hipped roof with front gable and wing plan. Paired windows on cross gable. Interior brick chimney. Circa 1900. Non-contributing, windows sizes and shapes changed, extensive exterior remodeling.

12 - 67 Charles Street - Residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story intersecting gable roof plan. Two brick interior chimneys, one at each ridge line. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. Front porch on house intersection has flat roof. Circa 1920. Contributing. Two bay front gable garage with shed roof and two bay addition which includes garage and storage are in rear. Covered in brown wood paneling. Circa 1940. Non-
contributing, extensive exterior remodeling. One contributing building.


14 - 81 Charles Street - Residence with asbestos shingle siding and standing seam roof. Two story "T" house plan with rear ell. Center hall entry has a hip roof overhang and turned porch posts. Interior brick chimney is located center ridge. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash. Jig cut vents with house date in gable ends. 1897. Contributing.


16 - 85 Charles Street - Residence with vinyl siding and slate roof. One and 1/2 story end gable roof plan. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. Brick interior chimney at center ridge. Circa 1930. Non-contributing, extensive exterior remodeling - window sizes and shapes changed and several post 1950 additions in rear.

17, 18, 19 - These structures are outside the boundaries of the historic district, but appear on the map. (See map 2)

20 - 107 Pike Street - Multiple residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story hip roof plan. Partially inset entry porch on second floor in two story addition on right facade. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. Circa 1930. Non-contributing, extensive exterior remodeling - enclosed porches, windows sizes and shapes changed.


24 - 37 Main Street - Residence with aluminum siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story end gable with porch on second story of left facade. One interior brick/cement chimney at gable end. Windows are 3/1 double hung with shutters on second floor. First floor has picture windows with 3/1 window on each side. Circa 1890. Non-contributing, extensive exterior remodeling includes window sizes and shapes. One story, one bay cement block side gable garage on rear of property. Side of garage faces rear of house. Door opens on long driveway from Davis Court. Circa 1940. Contributing. One contributing building, one building non-contributing.

25 - 30 Main Street - Residence is two story side gable with asphalt shingle roof set well back on the lot. May once have been a garage. Has second floor hip roof porch under gable on right facade. Circa 1940. Non-contributing, extensive exterior remodeling.

26 - 38 Main Street - Residence with clapboard siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story pyramidal roof plan. One story hip roof porch, supported by squared porch columns. Interior brick chimney is located in rear slope. Windows are paired, double hung 1/1 sash. Hip roof dormer on front facade. Circa 1920. Contributing.


29 - 43 Main Street - Residence with asbestos shingle siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story hip roof plan with offset gabled dormers with 3/1 windows on all facades. Full facade front porch with square Doric columns and solid rail. Double hung sash 1/1 windows. Two interior brick chimneys, one in each front and rear hip slope. Circa 1910. Contributing.


32 - 47 Main Street - Residence with vinyl siding/permastone and asphalt shingle roof. One story gable roof plan has 5/5 double hung sash windows. Circa 1870. Non-contributing, extensive exterior remodeling, original
33 - 51 Main Street - Residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story, hip on lower cross gable roof plan with enclosed front facade dormer. One story front porch with flat roof supported by square supports. Interior brick chimney is on slope. Windows are double hung 1/1 sash. Circa 1915. Contributing.

34 - 53 Main Street - Residence with permastone siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two and one-half story with end gable and paired secondary gables. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. Large picture window on first floor. Circa 1930. Non-contributing, extensive exterior remodeling.

35 - 55 Main Street - Residence with brick exterior and slate roof. Two story hip roof four square with front facade hip roof dormer. One story open front porch is supported by columns and is partially enclosed. Windows are double hung 1/1 sash with stone lintels and sills. Circa 1920. Contributing.

36 - 200 block Pike Street - Commercial structure with brick siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story front gable. House entrance was originally on the gable side facade. Windows have been replaced with smaller openings. All details of craftsmanship have been discarded. Circa 1900. Non-contributing.

37 - 59 Main Street - Residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story indenting gable plan. Windows are 1/1 double hung on the second floor and 3/1 on the first floor. Circa 1920. Non-contributing, extensive exterior remodeling, window sizes and shapes changed.

38 - 69 Main Street - Residence with brick exterior and slate roof. Two story hip roof has one story flat roof wrap around porch, supported by decorative brick pillars. Hip roof dormers on front and side facades. Two interior brick chimneys at the roof line. Has modillions and dentils at the cornice line and 1/1 double hung sash windows. Circa 1920. Contributing.

39 - 66 Main Street - Parsonage with aluminum siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story open front gable with 1/1 double hung sash windows. Interior brick chimney in slope. One bay, one story garage attached to right facade of parsonage and flush with the church next door. Circa 1900. Contributing.


41 - 72 Main Street - United Methodist Church has brick exterior and asphalt shingle roof. One story gable end and wing plan with two story pyramidal roof bell tower, offset on front facade. Windows are arched, as is front entry, which is incorporated in the tower. 1897. Contributing.
42 - 79 Main Street - Residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story hip roof plan with gable dormers on front and side facades. One story flat roof wrap around porch with round metal supports. Three window bay on side porch. Windows are 6/6 in dormers, others are 1/1 double hung sash. Front door has decorative hood. Circa 1920. Contributing.


47 - 90 Main Street - Residence with aluminum siding and asphalt shingle roof. One story side gable roof plan. Full width flat roof porch with square columns and solid railing with aluminum awning over porch steps. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. One brick chimney at center ridge. Circa 1930. Contributing.

48 - 94 Main Street - Residence with wood overlapped siding and asphalt shingle roof. Circa 1930. Non-contributing, extensive remodeling- window size and shapes changed and rear additions out of period.


50 - 96 Main Street - Residence with wood siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two and one-half story hipped roof has front hipped dormer with fixed pane 3/3 windows. Interior end brick chimney. Integral one bay garage in basement level. Circa 1920. Contributing.


56 - 200 block Pike Street - Commercial building of brick exterior. Two story, two bay, two part commercial block plan with heavy brick work at cornice and window surrounds. Wide stringcourse is capped at ends with paired brackets. Circa 1920. Contributing.


58 - 227 Pike Street - I.O.O.F. Lodge. Commercial/lodge brick structure with a flat roof. Three story, four bay, two part commercial block plan with paired, double hung windows with stone sills and lintels. Diamond pattern, decorative brick work at the top cornice line in contrasting brick as are the letters, I.O.O.F. Built in 1906. Contributing.


60 - 21 Walnut Street - Residence with asphalt siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story "I" house with two story shed roof front addition, first story has open porch. Bay window located on gable end. Large interior brick chimney is on slope. Windows are paired, double hung 1/1 sash. Circa 1900. Contributing.

61 - 20 Walnut Street - Residence with clapboard siding and asphalt shingle roof. One story front gable with rear kitchen gable end. Rafters are exposed. Hip roof front entry has been enclosed. Interior brick chimney is located on the ridge. Windows are paired, double hung 3/1 sash. Circa 1930. Contributing.

63 - 22 Walnut Street - Residence with clapboard and asphalt shingle roof. Two story front gable plan with one story hip roof porch, supported by brick porch columns. Windows are double hung 1/1 sash. Circa 1920. Contributing.

64 - 33 Walnut Street - Old U.S. Post Office commercial - vacant, one story brick building with a flat roof. Double entry doors located in center of the front façade. Windows have three vertical panes over one horizontal pane. Windows on side facades are multipaned with brick sills. Circa 1935. Contributing.

65 - 34 Walnut Street - Residence with clapboard siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story, three bay, hip roof four square roof plan with a front facade hip roof dormer. One story front facade porch is supported by square porch columns. An interior brick chimney is located on the slope. Windows are 1/1 double-hung sash with capped lintels. Circa 1920. Contributing.


67 - 37 Walnut Street - Brick commercial building. Two story, five bay flat roof warehouse. Windows are double hung 1/1 sash and are only located on the front facade. Located on property originally owned by F.A. Wilkinson - Lot # 40. Circa 1930. Contributing.


69 & 87 - 300 block Pike Street - Commercial building with brick exterior. Two story, five bay, flat roof three sectional plan. Center bay section projects with a "bay" like full front window. The second story has arched windows flanked by double hung sash 1/1 windows. Two side bays have decorative corbelling above. Circa. 1920. Non contributing, some windows blocked in, others replaced, ground floor extensively remodeled.

70 - Davis Court - Residence has two stories and a pyramidal asphalt shingle roof. Brick on first floor front facade covers cement block. Second floor has wood siding and an inset screened in porch. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash except for a picture window on the second floor under wide roof overhand. Two car integral garage on first floor front facade. Circa 1940. Contributing.

72 - 76 Walnut Street - Commercial building has brick exterior and asphalt shingle roof. Two story hip roof plan with one story hip roof porch, supported by brick pillars. Hip roof dormer with paired windows on front facade. Exterior brick chimney located on side facade. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. Circa 1920. Contributing.

73 - 75 Walnut Street - Residence with vinyl siding/wood shingles and asphalt shingle roof. Two and one-half story open gable with interior brick chimney in right slope. Full width front porch with wood support posts and closed railing. Inset rear porch with lattice on side facade. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash on front facade and 3/1 on side facades. Circa 1920. Contributing.


75 - 77 Walnut Street - Residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story open gable with inset front porch. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. Circa 1930. Contributing.


80 - 90 Walnut Street - Residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. One story with above ground basement and side gable roof plan. Brick chimney on the ridge. Entry porch supported by square wood columns has front gable roof and iron railings around entry and up cement steps to door. Gable roof, partial width open porch on left facade. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash. Circa 1930. Contributing.
81 - 87 Walnut Street - Residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. One story front gable has gabled protruding entrance with aluminum awning and metal poles and bannisters. Has multipane picture window with shutters. Large brick chimney on left facade through main roof extension over open porch. Circa 1940. Non-contributing, extensive exterior remodeling.

82 - 91 Walnut Street - Residence with vinyl siding/brick exterior and asphalt shingle roof. One story gable end to street roof plan. House is raised on its foundation and has wrap around porch supported by turned posts. Interior brick chimney located on slope. Windows are double hung 1/1 sash. Circa 1900. Contributing.


84 - 98 Walnut Street - Residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. One story with gable and wing plan roof. Wooden turned posts on inset front porch with open railings. Paired 1/1 double hung sash windows under front gable. Other windows are 1/1 double hung sash. Interior brick chimney at ridge. Circa 1920. Non-contributing, window size and shape changed.

85 - 99 Walnut Street - Residence with aluminum siding and asphalt shingle roof. One story has hipped pyramidal roof plan. Two interior brick chimneys on slopes. Full facade front porch with squared columns, partially enclosed. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. Circa 1920. Non-contributing, enclosed front porch and window size and shape changes.

86 - Walnut Street - Empty lot on survey map.

87 - This property was combined with number 69.

88 & 89 - This property was combined with #93.

90 - 314 Pike Street - Old Theater Building. Two story, two part brick commercial block. Recessed center front entry, flanked by large display windows. Windows on second story have been filled in. Bay divisions are detailed by brick pillars and topped with decorative brick work on center bay. Circa 1935. Contributing.

91 - This property was combined with #93.

92 - 318 Pike Street - Commercial brick exterior with a flat roof. Two story, two part commercial block plan. Building is separated into three sections, divided by fire walls. Windows are large multiglass openings, surrounded by brick pattern work. Two street level entry doors give access to second story. 1940. Contributing.

93 - 300 block Pike Street - Commercial building with brick exterior. Two story, three bay two part commercial block plan with brick corbeling. 1903. Non-contributing, extensive exterior remodeling on first and second floors - windows replaced with smaller ones.
94 - 300 block Pike Street - "old .5 and 10 cent store" Commercial brick with a flat roof. Three story two part commercial block. Wide stone string course between first and second stories. Window units of nine large panes of glass are defined between brick pilasters with decorative stone shapes. Paired brackets under eave overhang. Circa 1915. Contributing.

95 - Property combined with #93.

96 - Pike Street - Bank of Shinnston/WesBanco - Three story commercial block. Exterior wall was added to incorporate old Masonic building on the left pre-1975. Only hint of original appearance is the broken pediment entry, supported by four fluted Corinthian columns. 1914. Non-contributing, integrity completely destroyed.

97 - 21 Bridge Street - Residence with stucco exterior and asphalt shingle roof. One story gable end to street plan. Windows are double hung 1/1 sash. Located on property originally owned by F. Fortney. Circa 1930. Contributing.


99 - 23 Bridge Street - Residence with brick exterior and asphalt shingle roof. One story side gable roof plan with continuous roof open porch supported by stone faced concrete pillars. Center entry doorway has full length side lights. Windows are double hung sash 1/1 sash. Circa 1930. Contributing.


101 - 27 Bridge Street - Residence with brick exterior and asphalt shingle roof. Two story front ell gable plan. One story flat roof open porch has been altered. Windows are paired, arched, double hung 1/1 sash. Two interior brick chimneys located at gable ends. One of the oldest houses in downtown section. Circa 1890. Contributing.

103 - 29 Bridge Street - Commercial brick with a flat roof. Two story two part commercial block has two story flat roof rear section with double story open porches and asphalt shingle siding. In center section of side facade are the remains of the old Leeson Hotel, a two story front gable structure with two interior brick chimneys at gable ends. Front facade has two story blond brick addition with two sets of store front windows and entrances on first floor. Second floor has two sets of four 1/1 double hung sash windows. Circa 1890 with additions in 1920s and 1930s. Contributing.

104 - 26 Bridge Street - Women's Club of Shinnston. Permastone/stucco and a rolled asphalt roof. Three story flat roof plan with recessed double entrance doors. Two windows on second floor have four horizontal fixed panels with splayed lintels. Circa 1900. Non-contributing, extensive exterior remodeling in 1950s.

105 - 28 Bridge Street - Fred W. Burnett Bldg - Apartments/sleeping rooms. Brick exterior with a flat roof. Two story structure has 1/1 double hung sash windows on second floor. Large display windows on first floor have been boarded in and small windows inset. Circa 1924. Contributing.

106 - 40 Bridge Street - B.F. Lowe House. Library with aluminum siding and standing seam roof. Two story front gable with one story ell with gable dormers. Pedimented front entry portico is supported by new columns. Two interior brick chimneys. Windows above the entry are paired, double hung 1/1 sash; others are single 1/1 double hung sash. Original residence was a small structure. Mr. Lowe made additions circa 1900 to resemble the Abraham Lincoln House in Springfield, Illinois. 1877. Contributing.


109 - 49 Bridge Street - F.C. Richardson House. Residence with aluminum siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story with irregular roof plan. One story wrap around porch supported by square posts. Three window bay on front facade has double hung sash 1/1 windows. Two interior brick chimneys are located on rear slope. Windows are narrow, paired 1/1 double hung sash. Circa 1885. Contributing.


111 - 400 Pike Street - First National Bank Commercial brick structure with a flat roof. Two story temple front, corner plan. Full height, paired at center corner entry pilasters have decorative corbelling. Cornice line embellished with decorative brick work. Stone floral crest ornament on top. Windows paired 1/1 with stone
sills. 1912. Contributing.


113 - 75 Bridge Street - Office/Residence with permastone/siding and a standing seam roof. One and 1/2 story side gable with centered secondary gable roof plan. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash on second floor. Interior brick chimney at left ridge. Circa 1890. Non-contributing. Extensive exterior remodeling.


117 - 87 Bridge Street - Residence with vertical siding and asphalt shingle roof. One story front gable with full length flat roof rear section. Flat roof open porch is the full width of the front facade and supported by Doric columns. Circa 1900. Contributing.

118 - 99 Bridge Street - Frank Abruzzino House. Apartments being restored to residence has brick exterior and tile roof. Two story hip roof with paired gabled dormers in all facades. Two story portico has gable roof and squared columns. One story addition on left facade. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. Three large brick interior chimneys on side facades and right extension. 1921. Contributing.

119 - Empty Lot on Survey Map

120 - 411 Pike Street - Commercial. Two story two part commercial block with decorative brick work at the cornice line and string course. Windows on second story are double hung sash 1/1 with stone sills. Circa 1915. Contributing.

121 - Empty Lot on Survey Map
122 - 410 Pike Street - Red Dot Pharmacy. Commercial brick exterior with flat roof. Two story two part commercial block. Stone string course is located below the double hung 1/1 sash windows. Circa 1940. Contributing.

123 - Empty lot on Survey Map.

124 - 413 Pike Street - Commercial brick with flat roof. Two story, two part commercial block with double hung sash 1/1 windows on second story. Circa 1920. Contributing.

125 - 415 Pike Street - Vacant car dealer show room is being used by Shinnston EMS. One story building with large display front windows on the front facade has fake stone exterior. Second building has garage doors with three bays that face Rebecca Street. It is two story with vertical metal siding and gable hood over second floor entrance up metal stairs. Circa 1960. Two non-contributing.

126 - 23 Rebecca Street - John Nay House. Residence with clapboard siding and metal roof. Two story front gable with one story gable end wing. One story flat roof porch supported by turned posts. Large interior brick chimney at center ridge. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash. Gable end jig-cut vent with house date, 1890. Contributing.

127 - 26 Rebecca Street - Residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story front gable with flat roof extension over double story wrap around porches on left and rear facades. First floor open porch has turned wood posts. Second floor porch has fiberboard closed railing. Interior brick chimney at center ridge. 1/1 double hung sash windows. Circa 1930. Contributing.

128 - 27 Rebecca Street - Residence with asphalt siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story front gable with one story shed roof porch, supported by squared posts. Large interior brick chimney at center of slope has brick corbelling. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. Jig-cut decorative vent at gable end above top floor window. Circa 1890. Contributing.

129 - 30 Rebecca Street - Residence with clapboard siding and asphalt shingle roof. One and one-half story front gable. Interior brick chimney at center ridge. Windows are double hung 1/1 sash. Small gable door overhang is supported by simple brackets. Jig-cut decorative vent at gable end. Circa 1900. Contributing.

130 - 37 Rebecca Street - Residence with asphalt siding and rolled asphalt roof. One story front gable with shed roof open porch supported by iron rails. Large interior brick chimney is located center ridge. Windows are double hung 2/2 sash. Circa 1910. Contributing.

131 - Rebecca Street - J & R Sporting Goods. Commercial brick with a flat roof. Two story flat roof with stepped parapets to the rear. Two story double porch on front facade has flat roof and squared support posts. Windows are double hung 1/1 sash. Located on property originally owned by W. Haught, Lot # 106. Circa
1915. Contributing.

132 - 39 Rebecca Street - Residence is brick with asphalt shingle roof. One and one-half story front gable. One story flat roof porch supported by turned porch posts. Shed roof dormer located on gable side. Windows are double hung 1/1 sash. Circa 1925. Contributing.


135 - 53 Rebecca Street - Residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two and one-half story front gable with interior slope brick chimney. Full width front porch with shed roof, square support posts and closed railing. Windows are 6/1 double hung sash. Original window frames have decorative hoods. Diamond window in left facade. Circa 1890. Contributing.


137 - Alley between and Rebecca Street and Station Street. Multiple residence. Three, three story side gable townhouses have cement block first story. Second stories have vinyl siding and entrance doors opening onto false wooden balconies. Circa 1995. Non contributing.


140 - 69 Rebecca Street - Residence with clapboard siding and slate roof. One story hip on cross gable roof plan. Flat roof open porch is supported by Tuscan Columns. Hip roof dormers on side facades have paired double hung sash windows. Three interior brick chimneys on the slopes. Windows are double hung 1/1 sash. Circa 1915. Contributing.

141 - Rebecca Street - First Baptist Church. Two story hip roof plan with three story squared offset tower.
Door entry and windows are arched and pointed with stone lintel and sill surrounds. The majority of windows are paired. 1914. Contributing.

142 - 72 Rebecca Street - Residence with brick exterior and asphalt shingle roof. One and one-half story clipped gable roof plan. Front porch located under continuous slope roof, supported by short wood pillars on top of a brick wall. Windows are 3/1 double hung sash. Circa 1920. Contributing.

143 - 78 Rebecca Street - D.M. Shinn House. Residence with clapboard siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story hip on cross gable roof plan. One story hip roof open porch supported by squared posts. Two interior brick chimneys at gable ends. Windows are paired, narrow 2/2 double hung sash with decorative hoods. Jig-cut decorative vents under gable ends. 1890. Contributing.

144 - 509 Pike Street - Residence with brick exterior and slate roof. Two story hip roof with pediment gable dormers on all four facades with paired 1/1 windows. Center entry has small metal roof hood. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash with stone sills and lintels. House is raised on its foundation. Circa 1920. Contributing.


148 - 524 Pike Street - Blond brick apartment building. Two story, two part comercial block. Center entry is flanked by large glass display windows on the first floor. Second story windows are paired double hung 1/1 sash. Windows are recessed by brick decorative brick work, which is also on cornice line. Circa 1920. Contributing.


150 - 34 Station Street - Business/warehouse with brick exterior. Two story structure with flat roof and parapet. Three arched doorways with stone keystones located on first floor. One contains entry door. Windows on second floor are paired 1/1 double hung sash, and are single narrow 1/1 double hung sash on side facade. Circa 1910. Contributing.
151 - 31 Station Street - Commercial buildings with brick exterior. Two story, three bay building and a two story four bay structure united by a fixed awning and store front. Both buildings have 1/1 double hung sash windows on the second floor. Circa 1910. Non-contributing.


153 - 55 Station Street - Residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story end gable roof plan has one story flat roof rear addition. Full width open porch has flat roof and metal support poles. Interior brick chimney is located at center of ridge. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. Circa 1920. Contributing.


156 - 64 Station Street - Residence with clapboard siding and asphalt shingle roof. One story gable end and wing plan. Gable end has cut away bay window with paired windows, decorative mill work sills and lintels. A flat roof enclosed brick entry replaces the front porch. Two interior brick chimneys, one on the ridge and one on the slope. Circa 1915. Contributing.


158 - 68 Station Street - Residence with clapboard siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story irregular roof plan with cut away bay window on front facade. One story flat roof open porch supported by square columns. Interior brick chimney is on rear slope. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. Circa 1925. Contributing.

159 - 71 Station Street - Residence with aluminum siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story front gable with one story, slope roof open porch supported by square columns. Interior brick chimney in gable end. Windows are paired, 1/1 double hung sash. Shed roof bow window on gable end has set of three 3/1 double hung sash windows. Circa 1930. Non-contributing.

160 - 72 Station Street - Duplex residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story duplex with irregular cross gable roof plan with two story 2/2 three bay windows under gable. Other windows are double hung 1/1 sash. Two interior brick chimneys. Extensive exterior remodeling, additions added and porches

161 - 75 Station Street - Multiple residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story front gable and wing plan. Enclosed entry porch has three Doric column groupings. Interior rear slope chimney. Single story rear addition connected to two story garage apartment facing alley. Front entry has parapet on second story balcony. Extensively remodeled. No fabric of original structure is visible. 1886. Non-contributing.


163 - 79 Station St. - Residence with yellow vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. One and one-half story end gable with brick chimney at ridge. Left facade of house had a bay window, which has been covered with siding. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. Front partial facade porch has slightly hipped roof with metal support poles. Circa 1890. Contributing.

164 - 82 Station St. - Residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof has stone foundation. One story end gable house has new 6/6 aluminum windows. Brick chimney in center of front slope. Circa 1890. Non-contributing.


166 - 84 Station St. - Residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. One story house with intersecting gables. Three bay window under front gable. Two chimneys, one in center of each gable ridge. Chimneys are brick covered with masonry. Left side of house has above ground brick basement with two doors/ windows. Circa 1890. Contributing. Storage building. Non-contributing. One contributing and one non contributing building.

167 - 89 Station Street - Mobile home - Non-contributing.


169 - 605 Pike Street - Hometown Hotdogs. Commercial. One story, permastone exterior with asphalt shingle
roof is attached to two story building covered in stucco like material. Non-contributing. Extensive exterior remodeling.

170 - 61 Mahlon Street - Residence with brick exterior and asphalt shingle roof. Two story hip on triple cross gable roof. One story wrap around porch supported by half columns. Two interior brick chimneys located at gable junctions and capped with decorative brick work. Pyramidal roof one story hexagonal stone building connected to rear of main house by covered walk. Circa 1910. Contributing.

171 - 41 Mahlon Street - Residence with asphalt shingle and asbestos shingle roof. One story hipped roof plan. One story partial width front open gable porch with metal support poles and railing. Windows are fixed 1/1. Interior brick chimney at an angle in peak of the roof hip. Circa. 1930. Contributing.


174 - 44 Mahlon Street - Residence has asphalt shingle roof. Two story side gable with raised roof over almost full width dormer with two sets of 3/1 paired double hung sash windows. Front porch covered by main roof supported by square wood pillars on pedestals. Partially enclosed inset porch on right facade. Circa 1930. Contributing.

175 - 60 Mahlon Street - Residence with brick exterior and asphalt shingle roof. Two story hip on cross gable roof. Partially enclosed one story flat roof porch Rest of wrap around porch has wood columns supported by square cement block pillars. Two interior brick chimneys, one brick chimney located in right facade. Windows are double hung 1/1 sash with stone sills and lintels. Located on land originally owned by D.M. Shinn. Circa 1910. Non-contributing. Porch and enclosed portion of porch added to front facade.

176 - 65 Mahlon Street - Residence with wood siding and slate roof. Two story gable end with wing plan has two story rear ell. One story flat roof open porch supported by square posts. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. Located on land originally owned by D.M. Shinn. Circa 1910. Contributing.

177 - 64 Station Street - Residence with clapboard siding and slate roof. Two hip roof four square with two small hip roof dormers on front facade. One story flat roof open porch supported by Tuscan columns. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. House is raised on its foundation. Circa 1920. Contributing.

178 - 69 Mahlon Street - Residence with brick exterior and asphalt shingle roof. Two story, three bay, hip roof,
Four Square plan. One story flat roof open porch is supported by square porch columns. Hip roof dormers with paired 1/1 windows located on three facades. Two interior brick chimneys flank each side facade's dormer. Circa 1920. Contributing.

179 - 68 Mahlon Street - Residence with brick/clapboard exterior and asphalt shingle roof. Two story, three bay, front gambrel with full width, one story, open porch supported by square porch columns. Ribbon of three windows and a vent on front gable. Side facade has two pedimented dormers and three bay 1/1 double hung sash windows. Circa 1910. Contributing.

180 - 75 Mahlon Street - Multiple residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story, three bay, front gable with wing plan. Enclosed entry porch with three Doric column groupings. Interior slope chimney facing the rear. 1886. Contributing.


182 - 77 Mahlon Street - Brick residence with slate roof. Two story hip roof Four Square roof has hip roof dormers with paired double hung 6/1 sash windows. One story hip roof porch is supported by square columns. Windows are 9/1 double hung with stone lintels. Two interior brick chimneys have decorative caps. Circa 1920. Contributing.

183 - 76 Mahlon Street - Residence with clapboard/wood shingles and slate roof. Two story front gambrel with open porch under main roof with stone/wood posts. Second story shed dormer incorporated into right facade roof line. Left facade has three window bay. Interior brick chimney in rear slope. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. Circa 1920. Contributing.

184 - Mahlon Street - Residence is one story front gable on Mahlon Street. Rear of building extends to alley, where it is two story. Front facade is covered with permastone. Has partial width open front with wrought iron supports. Rear is cement block on first story and asphalt shingle siding on the second. Building extends along the alley (building forms an L). Interior of L has wood siding and an second story porch. Circa 1930. Non-contributing. Extensive exterior remodeling.

185 - 78 Mahlon Street - Residence with clapboard siding and slate roof. Two story hip roof has dormer gable with paired 1/1 double hung sash windows. Flat roof front porch has been partially enclosed. Two interior brick chimneys, one in rear slope and one on side slope. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash except picture window on porch. Front entrance has transom and sidelights. Porch and size of windows changed. Circa 1920. Non-contributing.

186 - 81 Mahlon Street - Residence with wood siding and slate roof. One story hip roof has hip roof dormers on
front and side facades. One story flat roof open porch is supported by square posts. Interior brick chimney at side facade dormer. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. The house is raised on its foundation. Circa 1920. Contributing.

187 - 86 Mahlon Street - Residence with clapboard siding and slate roof. Two story cross gambrel roof. Integral roof under principal roof supported by chamfered, square porch posts partially enclosed by eight diamond paned windows. Second story front bay has 1/1 double hung sash windows. Left facade entrance has gable roof and square supports. Three interior brick chimneys are located in slopes. Circa 1920. Contributing. Two story, two bay garage with apartment in second story opens on alley in rear. Contributing.

188 - Mahlon Street - Shinnston Elementary brick school with flat roof. Two story flat roof plan. One story entry portico supported by Ionic columns. Each bay has row of five double hung windows of 1/1 sash. Between bays is recessed section of single double hung sash 1/1 windows. 90 degree angles are denoted with lighter brick. 1895. Contributing.

189 - 88 Mahlon Street - Residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story, three bay, front gable. One story full facade front porch with square columns. Windows were 1/1 double hung sash. Circa 1920. Non-contributing. Extensive exterior remodeling.

190 - Railroad Street - Shinnston Vocational Center. Brick exterior with a flat roof. Two story abandoned brick building with flat roof has double hung sash 1/1 windows with arched brick lintels. Rear section of building is one story with flat roof. Circa 1940. Contributing.

191 - 67 Clerments Street - Residence with shingle/clapboard siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story gambrel end to street plan with expanded shed dormer under roof support with 5 double hung 6/1 windows. Hip roof porch entry over side hall plan entry is raised on brick foundation. Interior slope brick chimney. Circa 11920. Contributing.

192 - 69 Clement Street - Residence with brick exterior and asphalt shingle roof. Two story front gable with full front shed former with four double hung sash 1/1 windows. Open front porch is integral to principal roof and supported by squared brick pillars. Exterior brick chimney on gable end. Windows have stone sills and brick lintels. Circa 1920. Contributing.

193 - 71 Clement Street - Residence with brick exterior and slate roof. Two story hip roof with one story wrap hip roof porch supported by squared, half columns. Hip roof dormers on each façade have paired double hung sash 1/1 windows. Two interior brick chimneys at rear and on slope. Windows are 1/1 with stone lintels. Circa 11920. Contributing.

194 - 73 Clement Street - Residence with brick exterior and slate roof. Two story hip roof with one story hip roof front porch supported by squared half columns. Hip roof dormers on front and side facades with paired 2/1

195 - 81 Clement Street - Residence with wood shingle siding and slate roof. Two story pyramidal roof with one story hip roof porch supported by squared columns. Windows on second floor are paired narrow 1/1 sash located close to the corner wall. Two interior brick chimneys on back and side slopes. Circa 1920. Contributing.

196 - 35 Stewart Alley - Residence with clapboard siding and asphalt shingle roof. One story hip roof has cut away gable roof dormers on each façade. One story hip roof open porch is supported by Tuscan columns. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. House is raised on its foundation. Circa 1920. Contributing.

197 - 36 Stewart Alley - Residence with clapboard siding and slate roof. One story hip roof has cut away gable roof dormers on all facades with paired windows. One story hip roof porch is supported by columns. Interior brick chimney on side facade dormer. Windows are double hung 1/1 sash. Decorative stairwell diamond window. Contributing.


199 - 30 Bridge Street - Residence with brick exterior and asphalt shingle roof. Two story gable roof with 3/3 double hung sash windows. First floor is three bay garage, which opens to Davis Court. Square brick posts support second story partial porch with gable roof supported by four square wooden posts with wooden bannister matching balustrade. Circa 1940. Contributing.

200 - Clay District High School - This property falls outside the historic district boundaries, but it appears on the survey map.

201 - 96 Bridge Street - Residence with wood siding and slate roof. Two and one half story side clipped gable roof. Full width hipped roof porch with square wood columns and solid railing. Inset second floor rear porch. Two interior brick chimneys in slopes. Windows are 1/1 doublehung, paired over front porch, two diamond windows in rear facade. Circa 1900. Contributing.

202 - 98 Bridge Street - Residence with wood shingles and a slate roof. Two and one-half story intersecting gable roof plan with full width hipped roof open front porch with Doric columns. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. Has brick chimney in rear roof slope. Circa 1900. Contributing.

203 - 62 Mahlon Street - Residence with clapboard siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two story, three bay, side gable. Porch has been removed and replaced with a shed roof supported by posts. Windows are double hung

204 - 70 Station Street - Multiple Residence with wood panel/vinyl siding and an asphalt shingle roof. Two story with shed roof in rear of #s 72/74. Second story has full width porch with square wood supports columns on pedestals. Windows are double hung 6/6. First floor has partial width porch with metal support poles and double hung sash 1/1 windows. Circa 1920. Non-contributing. Extensive exterior remodeling.


206 - 74 Main Street - Residence with vinyl siding and asphalt shingle roof. Two and one-half story with pyramidal hipped roof and gabled dormer. Interior brick slope chimney. Full facade open porch with flat roof and metal support posts. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. Contributing.

207 - 83 1/2 Station St.- Residence with cement block and asphalt shingle roof. Two story cement block house has side gable roof (to Station St) with 1/1 double hung sash windows. Shed roof partial width front porch on second story. Circa 1940. Contributing.


209. UMWA Local 1501 Union Hall on Charles Street with front gable with stepped parapet and vinyl siding. Full width flat roof open porch on front facade supported by square wood posts and railing. Other facades are cement block. Circa 1960. Non-contributing.


211. 78 Main Street - Alley Oop Hot Dogs. One story metal pole building with large parking lot in front. Circa 1975. Non-contributing.


215. Alley between Rebecca and Station Streets - Two story, twelve bay garage apartments open onto alley on Station Street side of alley. First story is cement block. Second story, which overhangs the first story has wood siding and asphalt shingle roof. Roof has exposed rafters. Many 3/1 double hung sash windows have been replaced with 1/1 double hung sash windows. Circa 1930. Contributing.

216. Rebecca Street - The Lighthouse, First Baptist Church Activity Center. Two story front gable has cut cement blocks on first story and vertical aluminum sheeting on the second story. Right side facade has metal stairs and railing to second story fire door at front corner. Circa 1990. Non-contributing.


218. Pike Street - DeMarco’s. One story cement block with flat roof addition to attached to converted service station, which is covered by white metal panels. Shed roof overhand over entrance. Circa 1970. Non-contributing.


221. 720 Pike Street - Kim’s Beauty Salon and Glenna Jo’s Video. One story cement block with flat roof is attached to small square vacant structure with hip roof. Large plate glass windows flank door. Has brick lintel above door and windows on front facade. Circa 1960. Non-contributing.


225. Railroad Street - Several large metal pole buildings used as businesses and warehouses have replaced original buildings. Located between West Fork River and abandoned railbed. Circa 1980. Non-contributing.

226. Water Street - Residence is one story hip roof with wood siding and asphalt shingle roof and cement block


231 - Stewart Alley - Residence is two and one-half story garage apartment with clipped front gable. First story is cement block with picture window on right facade. Has second story porch with turned wooden posts being replaced by metal railings and supports. Small porch under gable on third floor has awning over entrance. Circa 1920. Contributing.
SECTION 8

The Shinnston Historic District is significant under Criterion A for its association with the settlement, commerce, industry, and architecture of Shinnston, Harrison County, West Virginia.

The Shinnston Historic District is significant under Criteria C for the distinctive architectural characteristics found in the district.

SETTLEMENT: 1815 to 1852

Shinnston was first visited by members of the Shinn family as early as 1772. A tradition indicates that the Shinn brothers, Clement, Levi and Jonathan were in the area as early as 1770 or 1771, visiting relatives who lived nearby. Levi Shinn claimed tomahawk rights to 400 acres of land in 1773, along the West Fork River. There is also a tradition that the Shinn brothers built a crude log cabin on the top of the hill at the head of Mahlon Street.

No permanent settlement was established until several years later when Levi Shinn, with his family and others, came here from Frederick County, Virginia. In 1784, he acquired a warranty deed for an additional 607 acres. Levi Shinn later sold part of his land to his brother Jonathan, whose son, Levi, deeded it for the site of Shinnston.¹

In 1787, Levi Shinn built a grist mill near the mouth of Shinn's Run. The mill became the hub around which others came and built their homes. Levi and Asa Shinn began to lay out the town on their land in 1815. The town had three streets running parallel with the West Fork River, with four streets crossing them at right angles. Shinnston became the first Harrison County town laid out according to a plan.²

The land between the mill and the house of Jonathan Shinn at the top of Mahlon Street was thought suitable for a town, so Levi and Samuel petitioned the General Assembly of Virginia for a town charter. On January 22, 1818, the charter was granted by the general Assembly, with John Righter, David Wamsley, Samuel Shinn, John D. Lucas, Benjamin Patton, Joseph Wilson and Jeremiah Robey as trustees. By September 1818, the town had a post office. The first lots were sold on June 10, 1819, to John Maulsby, Robert Mason, Moses Shinn, Jr. and David Earl.

The first of Shinnston's churches and the first Methodist Episcopal church in Harrison County met in the house


² Dorothy Davis, History of Harrison County, West Virginia. (Clarksburg, WV: American Association of University Women, 1972), 384.
of Jonathan Shinn in 1800. The first church building, known as the Union Church, was built in 1835. All religious denominations used it. A second church was erected in 1852 by the Methodist Protestants and was located on the northwest corner of Charles Street and the railroad. Other churches came later, with the Methodist Episcopal Church being built in 1854; the Christian Church in 1906; the Baptist Church in 1916; and the first Catholic Church in 1923. Asa Shinn taught in the first school in 1813. The first free school was taught by William B. Wilkinson in 1865.

The first store was opened in 1810, by Levi Shinn. Other storekeepers in Shinnston were: Robert McGee, William P. Hall, Jacob Martin, Dr. Jacob H. Fortney, John Marshall Knox, Solomon S. Fleming, William E. Swiger, Benjamin Asa Reeder, Allison Robinson, Jesse V. Martin and Van Davis. Drug stores (called apothecary shops at that time) were opened by Dr. Peter Davis and Granville D. Hall. The first tannery was built by George Kilpatrick and was later run by John B. Lowe, Rezin K. Shinn, and William P. Hall in succession. The first tavern was opened in 1800. It was run by William Black. The Red Lion Tavern, opened in the 1840's at the corner of Pike and Main Streets. The Red Lion was made famous in Granville Davisson Hall's novel Daughter of the Elm. Hall's father, William P. Hall operated a tannery in Shinnston. Granville Davisson Hall immortalized the town of Shinnston in Daughter of the Elm. Many of the scenes in the book were in Shinnston including: the Asa Shinn house at the bottom of Charles Street and the Red Lion Tavern at the corner of Main and Pike Streets. In the novel, the Red Lion was renamed the Blue Boar.

Like most small communities of the nineteenth century, Shinnston's economy was based primarily on agriculture. Small farms were common in this area of Northern Harrison County. In downtown Shinnston, businesses opened that supported this agricultural economy. Two wagon shops opened during this period. Benjamin Tyson Harmer, Sr. owned the one on Main Street. Harmer was also the funeral director and casket maker. The other wagon shop was on Walnut Street and was owned by Jacob Helmes. Blacksmith shops were owned by Albert Shore, Jacob Crim, and James P. Stout.

The West Fork River played a major role in Shinnston's agricultural economic development. Mills began to open along the river. Soon, milling became one of Shinnston's major industries. The area farmers had a convenient place to bring their wheat, oats, and corn for grinding. These early mills were operated by water power from the West Fork. Some of the early mill owners were: Levi Shinn, Clement Shinn, Seth Shinn, Howard T. Shinn, Jeremiah Shinn, Solomon S. Fleming, Daniel Roblett, George J. Roblett, Jesse V. Martin, William Sullivan, Henry Sullivan, John H. Griffith, John M. Fortney, Charles L. Steel, John Nay, James Jackson, Bart Clark, Benjamin F. Lowe, Joseph B. Harrison, and Jason Kester. As Shinnston's population continued to grow settlements developed on the north side of the West Fork. Since there was no bridge at that time, Eugenius Clark and Justis Jarrett both operated prosperous ferries to meet the ever growing need to cross the West Fork.

Shinnston grew slowly over the next few decades. On May 26, 1852, Shinnston was incorporated. At the time of incorporation the town had a population of two hundred. The incorporation authorized the town to elect a mayor, council, and seven trustees to administer the town's affairs. Solomon S. Fleming was elected Shinnston's first mayor, and B. Tyson Harmer, R.K. Shinn, and Col. J.W. Janes were elected councilmen. Richard Jackson was elected sergeant. Most of the people in the town supported the Republican Party. In fact, the Republican Party of Harrison County was founded in Shinnston.

In 1861, during the Civil War, Shinnston resident, Dr. Emory Strickler, became the first elected superintendent of schools in Harrison County. This post was established for the development of a system of public schools. Dr. Strickler held this position throughout the war, till the first public school building was constructed in 1865.

The town charter lapsed during the Civil War. Forty men from the of the total population of two hundred had left to fight in the Union Army. In April 1863 Shinnston was invaded by the Confederate Army under the command of General William E. Jones. General Jones, along with General Imboden, conducted a raid into West Virginia to destroy the tracks of the B&O Railroad. After confiscating most of the livestock in the town, the rebel army moved on to Bridgeport.

On June 20, 1863, West Virginia became a state. On the same day, former Shinnston resident and novelist, Granville Davisson Hall, was elected the first Clerk of the West Virginia House of Delegates. In 1864, Hall was elected West Virginia's first Secretary of State.

After the war, Shinnston slowly returned to normal. On June 4, 1877, the Circuit Court reincorporated the town of Shinnston. Levi C. Shinn, great-grandson of Jonathan Shinn, was elected mayor. The population of the town had now reached four hundred.

During the town's first charter, several businesses contributed to the town's progress. A tannery, two wagon shops, and a saddler's shop, in addition to the mills, drug stores, taverns and a pottery seemed to prosper with the town.

The first bridge to span the West Fork River was built in 1876. Until then, ferries carried people and wagons across the river. The original bridge was washed out in 1888, and old iron bridge was erected the following year.

The beginning of the twentieth century saw a new prosperity in Shinnston. With this new prosperity, new homes

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were built outside the 1815 street plan. Homes along Station, Mahlon and Clement Streets reflect this new prosperity.

INDUSTRY

In the 1870s a flourishing pottery run by the Knox and Haught families opened on Main Street. The Knox and Haught families came to Shinnston from Western Pennsylvania, where they learned the pottery business. The families bought the Main Street lot in 1872 and began business soon after. William Knox did not remain with the business very long and soon sold his share of the pottery to the Haughts. In 1874 the Haughts sold the pottery to William B. Wilkinson and his brother-in-law, John A. Fleming. In 1890, Alex Conrad bought the business and produced jars, jugs, and churns under the name Conrad Pottery for several years. Today the pottery made by this business is considered rare and quite valuable. Remnants of the old pottery can still be found on the Main Street lot. The current owner of this Main Street property, can still find shards of pottery in the ground around her house.

By 1890, industrial in development in Harrison County was at its peak. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad (B&O) reached Shinnston and with it the wheels of progress were set in motion. With this new wealth invading Shinnston a construction boom began. Lafayette J. Rowand was one of the master builders that was influential in the construction boom of the late 1800's. Rowand was a carpenter and owned a planing mill in Shinnston. His Bridge Street home was built in 1888 and is still standing today.

Charles Ashby Short, a protégée of Rowand’s, was another of Shinnston’s master builders. Short came to Shinnston in 1883 and worked at Lafayette Rowand’s planing mill till 1888. He started his own construction firm and is responsible for many of Shinnston’s and Harrison County’s most distinctive buildings including: The Shinnston Opera House (now the Women’s Club), the Methodist Church on Main Street, the Shinnston Grade School on Mahlon Street, and the Administration Building at Salem College. Short and his brother-in-law, Robert R. Hardesty, also started the Shinnston Water Company.

The flush of the Victorian Era began to spread in the residential areas of town and brick commercial buildings began to spring-up along Pike, Bridge, and Station Streets. Financial institutions, like the First National Bank of Shinnston and Farmer’s Bank, developed to administer the wealth of the community. In 1908, the opening of the Shinnston Oil Field brought even more prosperity to the area. The trolley line from Shinnston to Clarksburg was instrumental developing the West Fork Valley. It made its first run on September 1, 1906 and operated till April 26, 1947.

COMMERCE

The residential boom climaxed during the 1920s with the construction of the Abbruzzino Home at 99 Bridge
Street. Frank Abbruzzino and his family came to Shinnston from Monongah in 1904 and opened a store on Pike Street. In 1919, Abbruzzino and Frank Mazzie opened a wholesale grocery on Station Street. Later the company opened a larger store on Mahlon Street. Until his death, Mr. Abbruzzio was involved in various retail businesses in Harrison County and throughout the state of West Virginia including: the James Store Company, the Capitol Beverage Company in Charleston, the Bank of Shinnston, the Clarksburg Trust Company, and several theaters.

The Great Depression ended building in Shinnston. Building in the downtown area was also limited during the World War I years and after. Remodeling and new construction along Pike Street have greatly changed the face of Shinnston in the Prosperous years after World War II.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLES

Under Criteria C, the Shinnston Historic District represents many of the architectural styles that were prominent during the period of industrialization. The buildings reflect the community's growth from the settlement era to the Great Depression. Styles represented in the district include Gothic, Italianate, Shingle Style, Colonial Revival, Neo-Classical, Commercial Style, and Bungalow/Craftsman.

The oldest structure in the district is the Aaron Shin House on Charles Street (#1). The house is a good example of Colonial, Southern Tradition. The two-story stone structure is side gabled and has two interior end chimneys.

The largest grouping of houses represents the period around the turn of the century. Many of the residences have front, side or cross-gabled configuration. Several of the homes have Italianate, Gothic, and Folk Victorian styling. These residences are located in the eastern section of the community and represent the earliest period of industrialization.

The Neoclassical style is represented by the Abbruzzino House at 99 Bridge Street (#118). The massive four column full height porches represent the post-1920 style with simple posts. The eaves are boxed with dentils. The windows are double hung with 6/6 sashes. The house has a wing and two side porches.

The Shingle style is represented by 68 Mahlon Street (#179). The gambrel roof and dormers top the two and one-half shingled exterior. Several other examples are also found on Mahlon Street and have similar details.

The Colonial Revival style is very common in the Shinnston Historic District. The most common form is two and one half stories with a hipped roof and full width porch. Hipped dormers and paired windows are common on all four facades. The Colonial Revival homes are most common on Main Street and Mahlon
Several examples of the Bungalow/Craftsman style can be found in the Shinnston Historic District. A typical example can be found at 44 Mahlon Street (#174). The two story home has a shingled centered shed dormer. Triangle knee braces are found in the eaves.

The Commercial style is common in the business district along Pike Street. The brick buildings are two and three stories tall with storefronts at the street level. Storefronts have large display windows and central entry ways. Several buildings have pilasters with capital support stepped brick cornices. Most of these structures date from the 1910s. Depression era apartment buildings are found on the western end of Pike Street

SUMMARY

The Shinnston Historic District is significant because it represents the historical development of Shinnston from an agricultural to an industrial economy. Shinnston has been a center for commerce and trade, government, education, and religion throughout its history. The community grew very quickly after the introduction of the railroad in 1890. With the new wealth brought by the railroad residents of Shinnston built homes that represent the high styles that were popular. Today, Shinnston retains much of this historic character.
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Verbal Boundary Description

The historic district boundary follows the West Fork River on the North, Charles Street on the West, Clement Street on the East and High and East Street on the South.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries for the Shinnston Historic District correspond to the commercial center of Shinnston and the residential areas constructed during the early development of the community. The oldest section of Shinnston between Charles and Rebecca Streets was laid out in 1814 and remained the core of the community until the introduction of the railroad in 1890. The residential area between Rebecca Street and Clement Street developed around 1910 as Shinnston gained wealth from extractive industries. The natural topography of the area is instrumental in the land development patterns and subsequently the historic district. The West Fork River provides the northern boundary of the district. The district is bordered on the West by Charles Street and Shinn Run that flows into the river below. To the South, the community is bordered by a steep hillside, which creates a substantial gap between the historic district and the residences found on the upper streets. To the East of the district, Clement Street is the border because beyond this street the number of historic structures decreases measurably.
Shinnston Historic District Picture Map
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Date: August 1997

Location of Negatives: State Historic Preservation Office, Department of Culture and History, Capital Complex, Charleston, WV, 25305

Photo Log

1  View of 34 Station St. Camera looking east.
3  View of 68 Mahlon St. Camera looking southeast.
4  View of Pike St. Camera looking south.
5  View of Railroad St. Camera looking northwest.
6  View of 40 Bridge St. Camera looking east.
7  View of corner of Pike and Bridge Streets. Camera looking northeast.
8  View of Pike St. Camera looking northeast.
9  View of Pike St. Camera looking south.
10 View of Pike St. Camera looking northeast.
11 View of Pike St. Camera looking northeast.
12 View of Pike St. Camera looking northeast.
13 View of Pike St. Camera looking south.
14 View of 51 Main St. Camera looking southwest.
15 View of 44 Mahlon St. Camera looking southeast.
16 View of 20 Charles St. Camera looking south.
17 View of 99 Main St. Camera looking northwest.
18 View of Mahlon St. Camera looking east.
19 View of Station St. Camera looking east.
Shinnston Historic District Maps

[Map showing the district with labeled maps 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6]
MAP 1

KEY
1- Survey Number
C- Contributing
N- Non-contributing
EL- Empty Lot
PL- Parking Lot
RR- Railroad Grade
MAP 2

KEY

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Historic District Boundary
MAP 3

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Historic District Boundary
MAP 4

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Shinnston Historic District, Harrison County, WV
MAP 5

Shinnston Historic District, Harrison County, WV

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MAP 6

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