

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

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

Bennett, Jonathan M., House

Name of Property

Lewis County, West Virginia

County and State

78002804

NR Reference Number

State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this additional documentation move removal
 name change (additional documentation) other

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.

Susan M. Pierce

1/22/20

Signature of Certifying Official/Title:

Date of Action

National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- additional documentation accepted
- other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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The Jonathan M. Bennett House (Bennett House) was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 9, 1978 under Criteria A and C. Section 1 of the nomination lists two historic names and one common name. Section 8 of the original National Register nomination refers to the Jonathan M. Bennett House as the "Louis Bennett Public Library and War Memorial." The Narrative Statement of Significance provides the following information: "Mr. (Jonathan) Bennett's son, Louis Bennett, and grandson, Louis Bennett, Jr. were memorialized by the brick residence when it was left in 1922 to the citizens of Lewis County by Mrs. Louis Bennett, Sr., as a public library and community center. Her philanthropy was precipitated by the death of both her husband and only surviving son in August, 1918, the latter the result of an heroic military action in the First World War."

Mr. Dannie J. Gum, Historian, Weston Post #4 of the American Legion, a current occupant of the Bennett House, submitted the following to the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office on January 13, 2020: "Mrs. Sallie Maxwell Bennett gave the property to Lewis County to be a memorial to her son and also her husband. The War Memorial was a memorial to her son and the other men from Lewis County who sacrificed in WWI. Some (43) gave their lives and others gave much. Therefore, the additional name of the building or a new submission would be, The Lewis County War Memorial and Louis Bennett Library."

A formal re-naming of the Bennett House in the form of a "Petition of Voters for Memorial in Memory of and in Recognition of the Virtues and Sacrifices of the Soldiers and Sailors from Lewis County in the World War" was put before Lewis County voters. The petition called for the Louis Bennett residence property to be recognized as the *Lewis County War Memorial and Louis Bennett Library*. Based upon the number of votes cast by the residents of Lewis County in support of the petition, the County Court moved that "the petition be filed and made a part of the record of this Court, which is accordingly done; and also moved that said offer be accepted and said Memorial established." The Court heard the Petition during a special session held on July 22, 1922 and in regular session held on Friday, August 4th, 1922.

The WV SHPO requests that Lewis County War Memorial and Louis Bennett Library be added to Section 1 of this nomination.