

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Lost Creek Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Depot

other name/site number: _____

2. Location

street & number: Main St., Lost Creek Rd., County Route 48

not for publication: _____

city/town: Lost Creek

vicinity: _____

state: West Virginia code: WV county: Harrison code: 033

zip code: 26385

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, Deputy SHPO

Date

West Virginia Division of Culture and History

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 Certifying Official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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4. National Park Service Certification

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I, hereby certify that this property is: Signature of Keeper Date of Action

_____ 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): _____

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property:
(Check as many boxes as apply)

☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property:
(Check only one box)

☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		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

Transportation: Rail-related

Current Functions

Social: Meeting

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification

Other: Folk Victorian

Materials

Foundation: Stone

Walls: wood

Roof: Asphalt

Other: Brick

Narrative Description

(See continuation 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.)

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.

_____ 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

Transportation

Period of Significance

1892-1955

Significant Dates

1923

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad

Narrative Statement of Significance

(See continuation sheets)

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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
X Other

Name of Repository: Clarksburg/Harrison County Library

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: 0.117 acres

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

Quad Map Name: Mt. Clare

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	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing

_____ see continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(See continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(See continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: Becky Nesbitt and Jeff Wyne

Organization: Harrison County Landmarks Commission Date: 9/15/04

Street & Number: 301 W. Main St. Telephone: 304-624-8690

City or Town: Clarksburg State: WV ZIP: 26301

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Property Owner

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Name: Lost Creek Lions Club C/O Connie Poe

Street & Number: PO Box 353 Telephone: 304-884-7391

City or Town: Lost Creek State: WV Zip: 26385

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Introduction

The Lost Creek Depot is located in the small rural community of Lost Creek in the southwestern corner of Harrison County WV, near the intersection of WVA Route 25 and Lost Creek Road (WVA Route 48). The Lost Creek Depot is bounded on the east by Lost Creek Road (WVA Route 48), on the south by another road, the west by an alley between the Depot and the Village Pharmacy and the north by the rail bed. As late as 1996, the rails were still in place. Across the road on the east side is the BP gas station. On the south side is the Harrison County Bank. On the west side is the Village Pharmacy. Across the rail bed on the north side is Peggy Sue's Main Attraction—a hair salon. The building is located approximately 1 ½ blocks southeast of the Daniel Bassel house and is on about 0.117 acres of flat ground. Historically, the stockyards were located approximately two blocks to the west of the depot.

Description

The depot building is a 44' by 18'6" rectangular structure. The exterior is board and batten on three sides, excluding the south side. The south side consists of vertical siding, with no battens. The walls are painted barn red with dark green trim. The roof is rolled roofing over the original metal. The roof overhangs the building on three sides and is supported by decorative brackets. There is very little overhang on the south side. The original freight platform has been replaced, but it will be rebuilt to its original height in a planned restoration effort. The bag hanger on the north side is original.

The interior waiting room is on the east end of the building and will be restored to its original configuration. The four gaslights that were present here originally have been replaced by electric globe lights, but the restoration plan calls for the return of gaslights. The original wrought iron ticket cage and counter will also be reinstalled. The walls of the waiting room are painted white with green trim and are composed of vertical boards above the chair rail, with diagonal boards below. There is one 6 over 6 double hung window on the south side of the waiting room, two 6 over 6 double hung windows on the east side. The window nook on the north side, which would have been behind the ticket desk, consists of two adjacent 4 over 4 double hung windows flanked at right angles by two 2 over 2 double hung windows. This nook is accented by a decorative carved board against the ceiling. The window openings are original, but the old glass has been replaced. The ceiling of the waiting room has a centered decorative finial located at the center of two crossed false beams. The north facing front door has a three-pane transom. The floor appears to have been replaced.

The freight room is located on the west end of the depot. It has two sliding freight doors, one on the north side, one on the south. Each has a six-pane transom. The floor appears to be original. The central fireplace between the two rooms has been covered over, but the brick chimney is exposed in the freight room. The restroom was added by partitioning off the northeast corner of the freight room. The room has a red-painted floor and modern fixtures. Its door is on the exterior north side.

Currently, the building is owned by the Lost Creek Lions Club and is used as the site for their fundraising events.

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Statement of Significance

The Lost Creek Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Depot is significant under Criterion A for transportation. In 1915 it was the largest shipping point for cattle on the entire B&O System in West Virginia. By 1923 it was the largest cattle shipping point east of the Mississippi River. The period of significance begins with the depot's construction in 1892, and ends in 1955. This period encompasses the years that the depot served passengers and freight as a local component of the B&O system. 1923 has been selected as a significant date, as the depot reached its peak as a local shipping point in that year.

This rail line is one of the oldest in Harrison County. In 1878 the B&O was completed from Clarksburg, through Lost Creek and Weston, and on to Flatwoods, West Virginia, where there was a junction. The Lost Creek Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Depot was built in 1892 along the main line which ran through Lost Creek. The main line was flanked at Lost Creek with two sidings that served local businesses and the stock yards.

During the first half of the nineteenth century the more enterprising citizens of the area used their profits from the sale of cattle to buy and consolidate acreage for grazing land. Great blocks of territory were known as the Goff lands, Maxwell farms, Haymond holdings, Reynolds farms, Lucas acres, Gore land, Lowndes tracts, etc. after the families that consolidated them. The local cattle farmers built imposing houses in the communities of Harrison County and became men of influence and wealth.

Agricultural prosperity led in 1915 to the organization of a Lost Creek Farmer's Club, which evolved into the County Farm Bureau. Several leading families, including the Maxwells, Smiths, Youngs, and Posts, built sturdy and attractive houses in Lost Creek. Doctors, hotel operators, feed stores, blacksmith shops, a corner drugstore and a bank located along the tracks and near the Depot. Despite the agriculture and transportation fueled boom, the town did not incorporate until 1946.

In the single season of 1922, Charles Post received orders for 35,000 head of cattle from Swift and Company. Post purchased cattle from every point in West Virginia and brought them to Lost Creek to be shipped. Cattle shipment from Lost Creek peaked in 1923 with 275 cars needed to carry 4,000 to 5,000 cattle sold for an annual revenue of between \$700,000 and \$750,000. As an odd side note, in the late 1920s, there was a terrible drought in Texas and Oklahoma. Thousands of cattle died there from thirst and lack of food. To help ease this problem, several cattle carloads of these western cattle were shipped to the farmers at Lost Creek where they could be fattened up. These were long horn cattle, totally unlike the cattle normally raised in the area. To commemorate the event the Lost Creek High School named their sports teams the Longhorns.

Just before the 1930s, West Virginia was one of the largest beef cattle producing states in the east and Lost Creek was the largest cattle shipping point in Harrison County. In the late summer or early autumn farmers would drive their herds of cattle or sheep right down through the main part of town and to the cattle loading pens where each farmer would ship 200 to 300 animals at a time.

The B&O also served industrial concerns in the Lost Creek area. The nearby glass industry of Weston and Clarksburg used the line, and the warehousing business in Clarksburg all contributed to the steady pace of rail traffic through Lost Creek up to the middle of the 20th century. Even as late as 1965, after the end of passenger traffic on the line, it was observed that the local coal mines were funneling a constant stream of coal on to the B&O and through Lost Creek.

Summary

The Lost Creek Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Depot is significant for its role as a major shipping point in West Virginia for cattle from 1892 to the 1930s and its later role in the development of the glass and coal mining industries in Harrison County. As a result, the depot is recognized as significant under Criterion A for transportation between the years 1892 and 1955.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at a 5/8 inch rebar (set) in the right of way of the intersection of the CSX Transportation's railroad right of way (20.0 feet southeast from the center line), and West Virginia County Route 48 (15.0 feet southwest from the center line) and running with the southwestern right of way of said Harrison county Route 48, 54 27' 10' E 63.45 feet to a concrete nail (set) in the right of way of said Route 48, a corner to property of the Harrison county Bank; thence leaving said Route 48 and with a line of said Bank S 56 36' 96.74, more or less, feet to a point; N 37 54' W 2.40 feet to a point; thence N 37 54' W 57.50 feet, more or less to the right of way of said railroad (20 feet from the centerline); thence with said railroad right of way N 56 36' E 78.62, feet more or less, to the point of beginning, containing 0.117 acres.

Boundary Justification

This is the property historically associated with the lost Creek Depot, as recorded in Deed Book 1358, page 475, November 12, 2003.

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Address Main St., Lost Creek Road and County Route 48
Town Lost Creek
County Harrison County

Photographer: Jeff Wyne

Date: October 5, 2004

Negatives: Landmarks Commission, Harrison County Courthouse,
Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301

Photo 1 of 22 B&O Depot historical marker NE side of Depot, camera looking North
Photo 2 of 22 Mail bag pole North façade of Depot, camera looking South
Photo 3 of 22 NE side of Lost Creek Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Depot, camera looking
SW to Village Pharmacy in rear of Depot
Photo 4 of 22 East side of Depot, camera looking SW
Photo 5 of 22 North façade close up of entrance to waiting area of Depot with ticket window
to right of doorway, camera looking South
Photo 6 of 22 North façade platform and freight area, camera looking East
Photo 7 of 22 Southern elevation, rear side, of Depot camera looking NW
Photo 8 of 22 South and West side of Depot, camera looking NE
Photo 9 of 22 SE corner of interior waiting room, camera looking from SW to SE
Photo 10 of 22 Early circuit breaker box on West wall of waiting area, camera facing West
Photo 11 of 22 Window alcove NW corner of passenger waiting room, camera looking NW
Photo 12 of 22 Arch over window alcove on NW corner of waiting room, camera looking NW
Photo 13 of 22 Ceiling of waiting room to South corner showing replacement lights, camera
Looking to South
Photo 14 of 22 NE corner of freight room and freight room door on NE side, camera looking
North East
Photo 15 of 22 SE corner of freight room, camera looking East
Photo 16 of 22 South interior of freight room, camera looking South
Photo 17 of 22 North façade entrance and ticket window, camera facing SW
Photo 18 of 22 Early Board of Health sign on North façade by front door, camera looking SE
Photo 19 of 22 North façade of Depot showing ticket booth, camera looking East
Photo 20 of 22 Street scene of Peggy Sue's Main Attraction, North side of Depot, camera
looking toward I-79 in background to the NW

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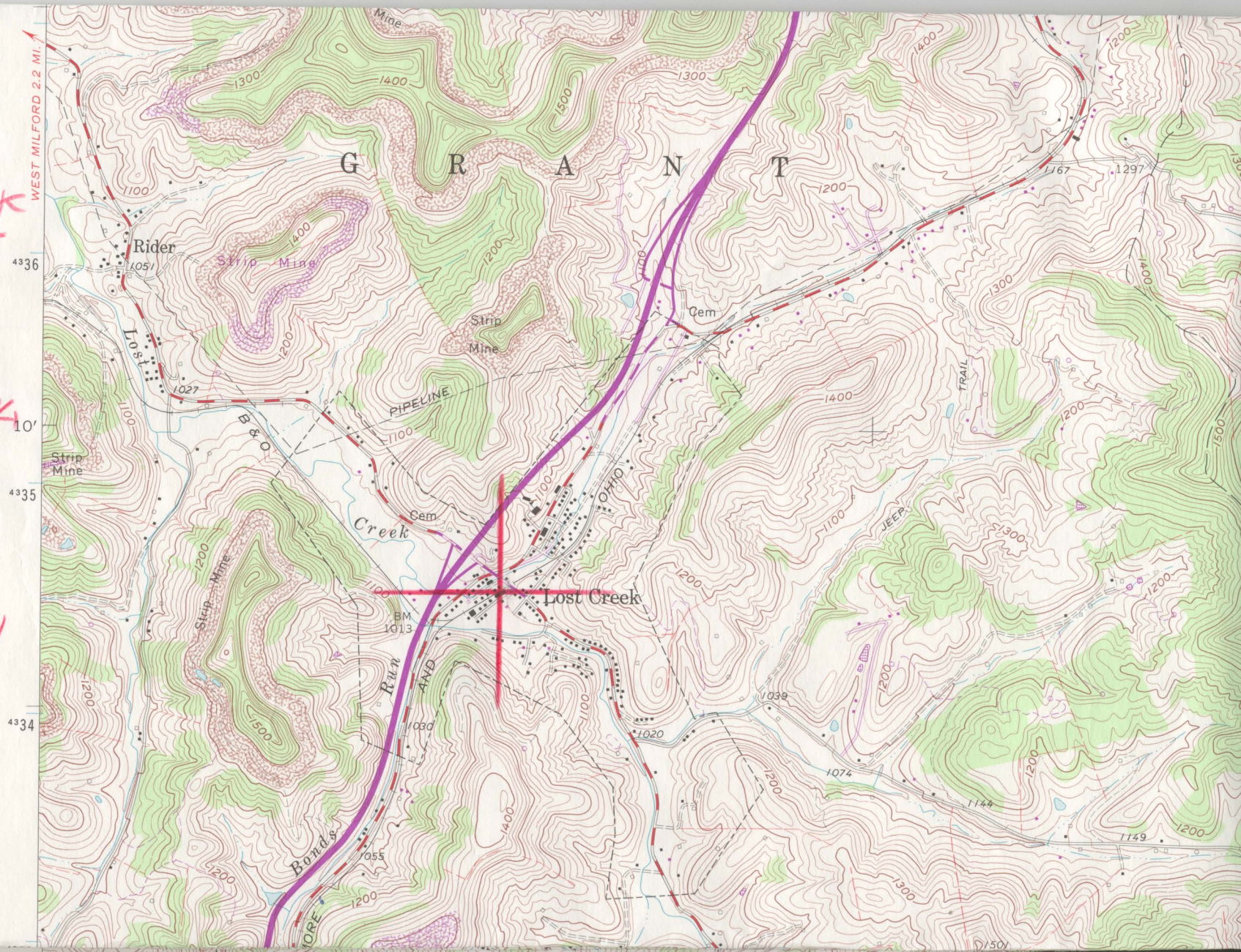
Photo 21 of 22 Village Pharmacy, formerly Freeman Brother's Company Hardware Store, to the
West side of the Depot, camera looking SW toward site of former cattle pens

Photo 22 of 22 BP Gas station and convenience store to the East of the Depot, camera looking
from SE corner of Depot

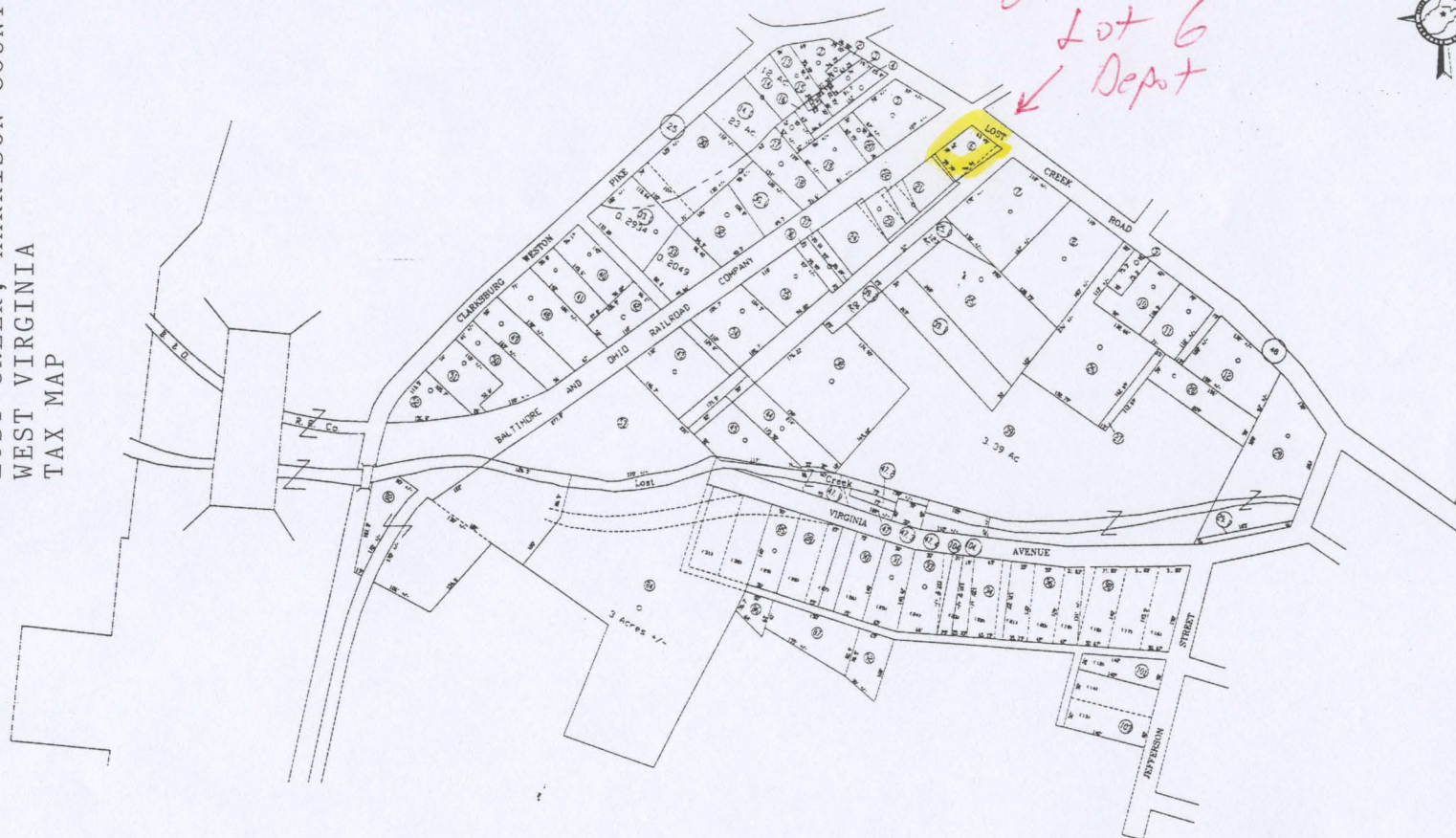
LOST CREEK
BALTIMORE
+ OHIO
RAILROAD
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LOST CREEK
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COUNTY,
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LOST CREEK BALTIMORE & OHIO
RAILROAD DEPOT
LOST CREEK, HARRISON COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA
TAX MAP



21-04
Lot 6
Depot

- 160' x 50' x 50' x 50' x 50' x 50'
- 170' x 40' x 40' x 40' x 40' x 40'
- 180' x 30' x 30' x 30' x 30' x 30'
- 190' x 20' x 20' x 20' x 20' x 20'
- 200' x 10' x 10' x 10' x 10' x 10'

For Tax Purposes Only

CHERYL L. ROMANO

LEGEND		REVISIONS	
Property line	_____	Sheet No. Number	(15)
Edge of pavement or terrace	_____	Revised or Index Number	21
Construction line	_____	Revised or Index Number	22
Water line	_____	Revised or Index Number	23

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KEY MAP
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HARRISON COUNTY
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

DISTRICT
GRANT - LOST CREEK
MAP NO:
21-04

Revised or Index Number April 1965 Date: March 2000

TOWN OF LOST CREEK
GRANT DISTRICT
HARRISON COUNTY
WEST VIRGINIA

MAGNETIC NORTH
SEPTEMBER 1991

5/8" REBAR (SET)

S33°24'00"E 3.00'

N.T.S.

3/4" REBAR (FND.)

5/8" REBAR (SET)
AT SE R/W OF
B & D RAILROAD CO.

5/8" I. REBAR (SET)
AT R/W INTERSECTION
OF B & D RAILROAD
& HARRISON CO. RT. 48

Map 21-04 Par. 6
B & D Railroad Co.
Lot No. 3
D.B. 214, Pg. 70

CONCRETE NAIL (S)
AT SW R/W -
HARRISON C.

REBAR (SET)
SW R/W OF
D RAILROAD
N.T.S.
S56°36'00"W 155.01'

1 1/4" I. PIPE
(FND.)

5/8" REBAR (SET)

REBAR (SET)
SE R/W OF
D RAILROAD

N56°36'00"E 95.99'

Map 21-04 Par. 24

Lot No. 5
(L. D. Nutter Tract)

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AT THE NW R/W OF
14.0' PUBLIC ALLEY

CONCRETE NAIL (SET)
AT THE NW R/W OF
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S61°56'40"E 15.19'

UTILITY POLE
NO. HP R2-840

N.T.S.

Antonio Jr. & Samuel
Petitto
D.B. 916, Pg. 685

Map 21-04
Par. 21

CONCRETE NAIL (SET)
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14.0' PUBLIC ALLEY

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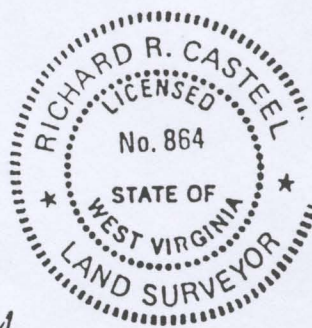
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SEPTEMBER 1991.

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EXHIBIT A-1

PLAT OF SURVEY

FOR

THE HARRISON COUNTY BANK

LOST CREEK, BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD DEPOT
LOST CREEK, HARRISON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
DEED MAP

50' 0 50' 100'

SCALE 1" = 50'

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of Harrison County, West Virginia, on 11-8-91
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Sylvia Casteel

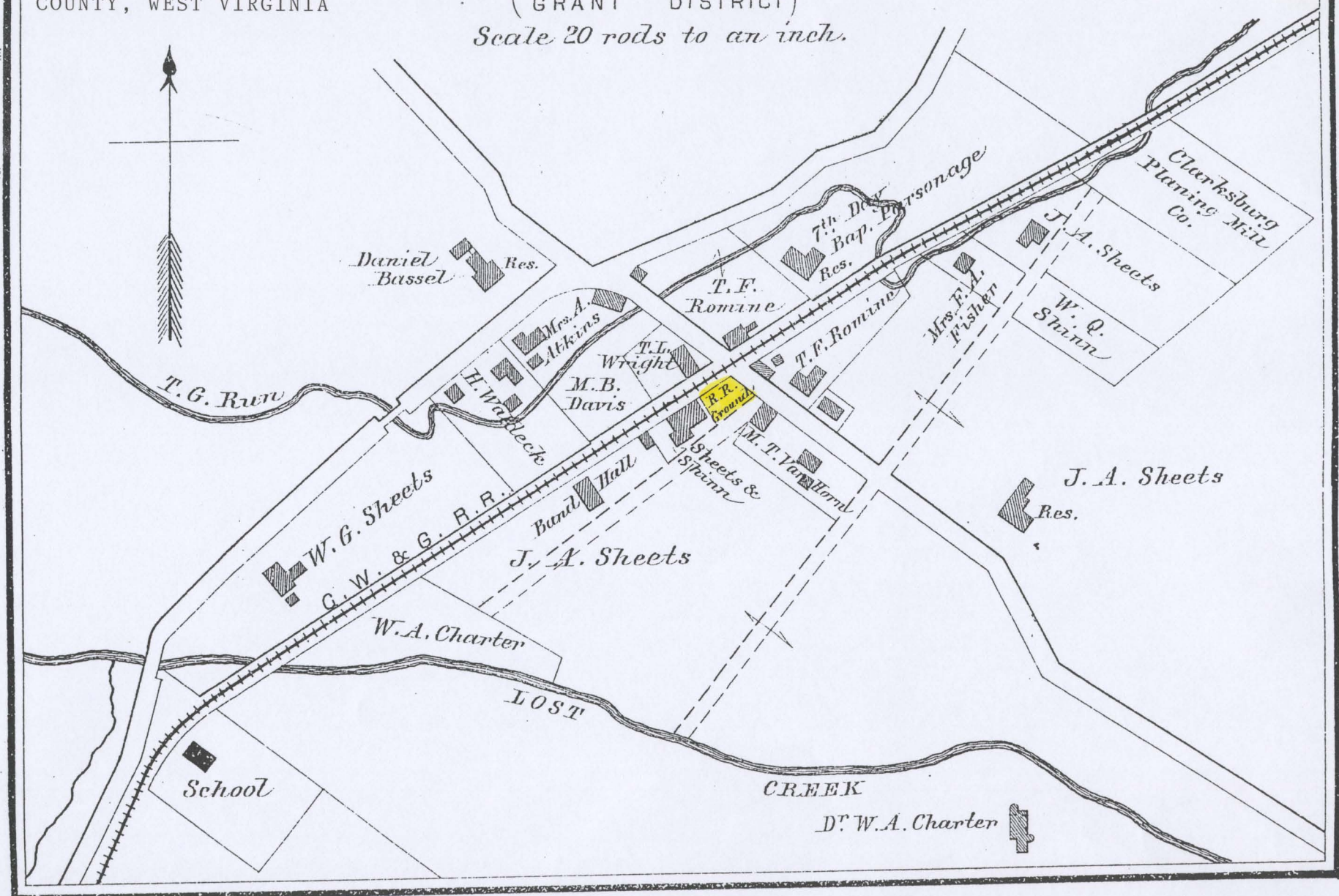
Clerk

Harrison County Commission

LOST CREEK BALTIMORE &
OHIO RAILROAD DEPOT
LOST CREEK, HARRISON
COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

LOST CREEK

(GRANT DISTRICT)
Scale 20 rods to an inch.



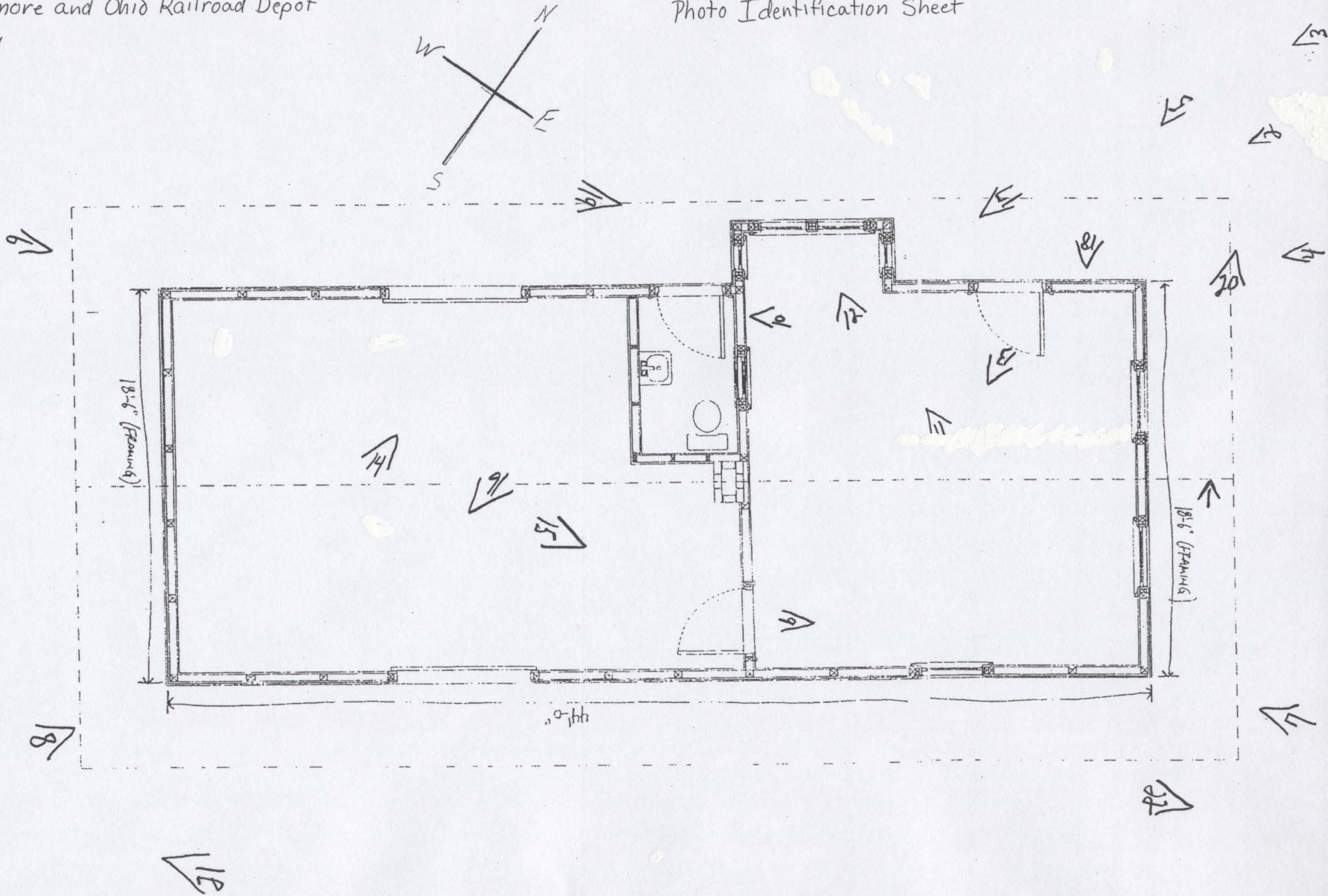
DISTRICT BUSINESS REFERENCES

J. H. FREEMAN, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Notions, Hardware, Queensware, Tinware and all Goods usually kept in such places.

CHAS. N. MAXSON, Surveyor and Farmer. P. O., Lost Creek.
J. D. ROMINE, Distiller of Apple Brandy and Farmer. P. O. Rockford.

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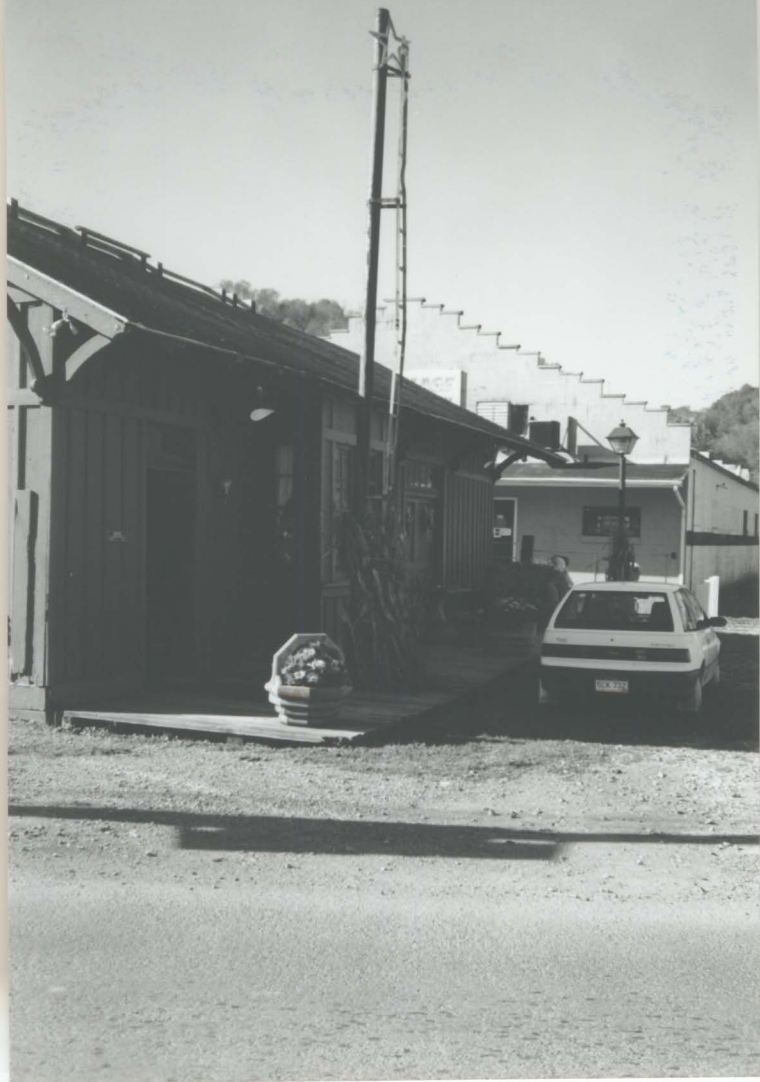


B & O DEPOT

Built 1892, following the completion of railroad in 1887. Lost Creek grew to become largest shipping point for cattle in West Virginia in 1915 and on entire B & O system, east of Mississippi in 1923.

LOST CREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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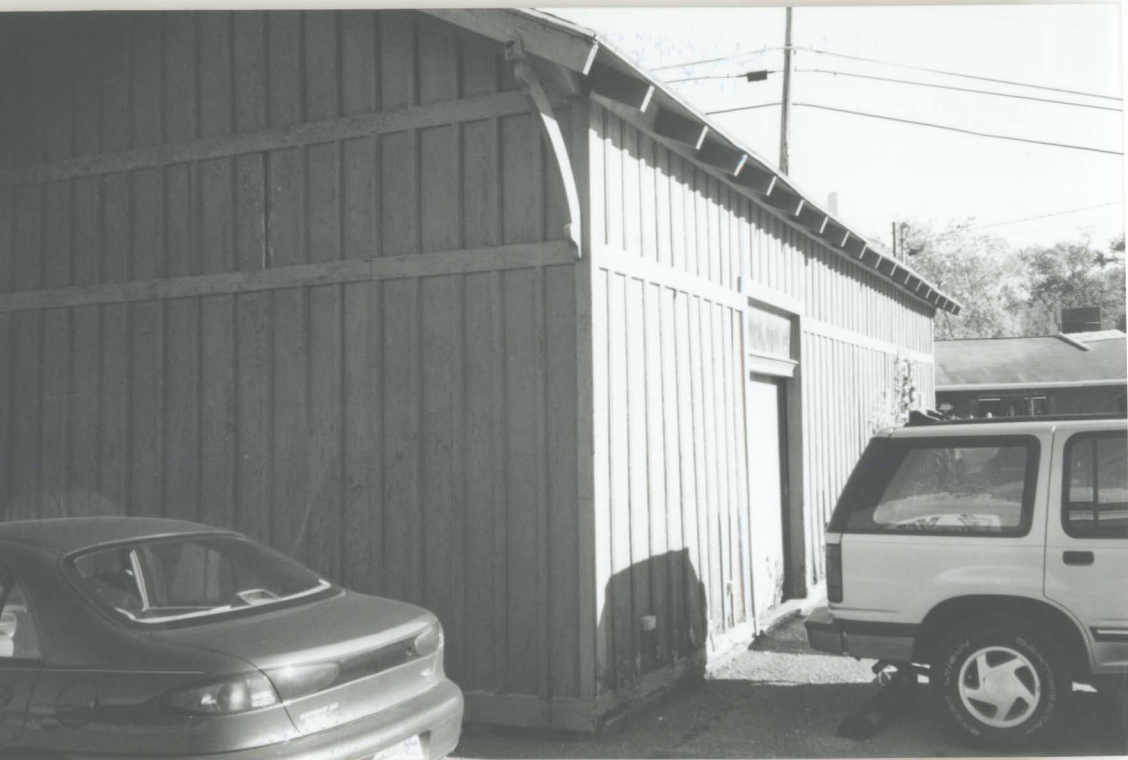














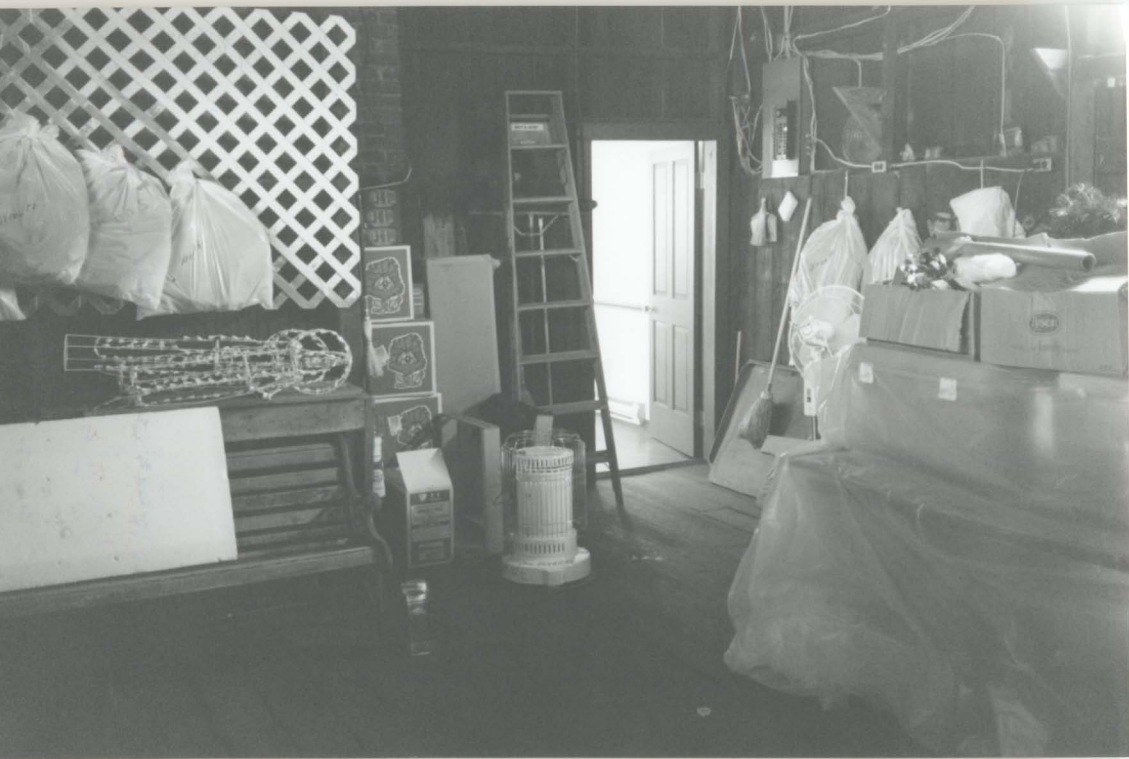
















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