

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

1. Name of Property

historic name: Madison National Bank

other name/site number: Boone-Madison Public Library

2. Location

street & number: 375 Main Street not for publication: N/A  
city/town: Madison vicinity: N/A  
state: West Virginia code: WV county: Boone code: 005 zip code: 25130

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**

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): \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property:**

\_\_\_\_\_ private  
☒ public-local  
\_\_\_\_\_ public-State  
\_\_\_\_\_ public-Federal

**Category of Property:**

☒ building(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_ district  
\_\_\_\_\_ site  
\_\_\_\_\_ structure  
\_\_\_\_\_ object

**Number of Resources within Property**

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	TOTAL

Name of related multiple property listing \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

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

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions**

COMMERCE / *financial institution=bank*

**Current Functions**

EDUCATION / *library*

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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification**

LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> & EARLY 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY:  
*Beaux Arts*

**Materials**

**Foundation:** stone  
**Walls:** limestone, brick  
**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**

- 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.

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**Criteria Considerations**

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**

Commerce  
Architecture

**Period of Significance**

1918-1957

**Significant Dates**

1918

**Significant Person**

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

J. J. West and Company

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(See continuation sheets)

(See 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:**

<u>  X  </u>	State Historic Preservation Office
<u>     </u>	Other State agency
<u>     </u>	Federal agency
<u>     </u>	Local government
<u>     </u>	University
<u>     </u>	Other

**Name of Repository:** N/A

## 10. Geographical Data

**Acreage of Property:** Less than one acre

## UTM References

17      427820      4213020  
**Zone**   **Easting**   **Northing**

Quad Map Name Madison

### 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: Ms. Susan Mischler, Library Director and John Adkins (graduate student, first draft 1994) with Erin Riebe, SHPO

Organization: Boone-Madison Public Library Date: June 16, 2006

Street & Number: 375 Mains Street Telephone: (304)369-7842

City or Town: Madison State: WV ZIP: 25130

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**Property Owner**

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**Setting and Location**

Madison National Bank is located at 157 Main Street in the heart of the business district of Madison, Boone County, West Virginia. The building faces east along Main Street while the Little Coal River and the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company right-of-way run along the west, or rear, elevation of the building. This nomination includes one contributing building and no outbuildings.

**Description**

*Exterior*

The Madison National Bank Building was designed in the Beaux Arts style and constructed in 1918 by Huntington firm, J.J. West and Company. It is a three-story, rectangular, brick building with a symmetrical limestone façade. The building has a flat roof and parapet. Several skylights are on the roof allowing natural light into the building.

The building is dominated by a three-story, multi-light, arched window opening flanked on either side by Corinthian pilasters. A row of acanthus leaves decorates the area between the first and second stories while a row of even recessed crosses adorns the area between the second and third stories. Above a centrally located double door is a decorative escutcheon, or shield, centered above a plain classical frieze. The cornice line upon which the escutcheon is set exhibits a row of dentils.

The main elevation is topped by a large, dentiled cornice with a frieze upon which is emblazoned the words, "Madison National Bank." At either end of the frieze are decorative floral panels. Floral decoration is also exhibited in the triangular areas above the arched window. The side elevation of the building, facing an alley, is asymmetrical and displays several metal, multi-light casement windows with stone sills including six 12-foot arched windows. Some windows are replacements.

*Interior*

The building is entered through a small foyer with plaster walls with white marble wainscot, black marble baseboard, and a pink marble floor. A doorway to the right opens into a small room with a stairway to the mezzanine floor, third floor, and also to the basement. The foyer has a second set of double replacement doors that lead into the main lobby. The doors are surrounded by multi-light windows designed to allow natural light into the main lobby. Upon entering, the entrance is topped by a large decorative cornice with brackets.

The attention to natural lighting in the building is through a series of large windows, light-wells, skylights, transom windows, and a pedestrian alley along the south side of the building. The two story main lobby features an ornate plaster ceiling, six twelve-foot high windows and six skylights. An enclosed staircase in the rear of the lobby leads to a small balcony on the second

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floor overlooking the main lobby. The third floor has a long hall along the south elevation with doors and transoms leading to a series of office and storage space along the north elevation.

The external modifications to the bank include the addition of a rear, enclosed fire escape; a bank night depository slot in the front façade, which is currently used as an after-hours book drop by the library, roof repair and new windows on the third floor side walls. The structure underwent moderate internal modifications in 1974 after being donated to the Library Commission. These modifications were prepared by R.L. Wilson and J.D. King, Architects, of St. Albans, West Virginia. Claude Erps, Contractor of Bluefield, West Virginia installed the windows on the third floor, re-glazed the skylights and painted the interior in 1998 and in 2005 updated the heating and cleaned and refurbished the basement.



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**Statement of Significance**

The Madison National Bank is and eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under *Criterion A: Commerce* for its local significance in Madison's commercial history and *Criterion C: Architecture* as an excellent example of the Beaux Arts style of architecture in southern West Virginia. The period of significance begins in 1918, the year of construction, and ends in 1957, the National Register's 50-year cut-off date. The building continued service as a bank until 1966.

**Brief History**

With the anticipation of the arrival of the railroad in the early twentieth century and the anticipated reopening of the coal-fields, there was an expressed interest for a sound financial institution. The Madison National Bank was established and chartered as the first bank in Boone County on November 28, 1902 to provide the banking needs of the community and its surrounding area. Founders included Julian Hill (President), F.C. Leftwich (Vice President), Sid Croft (Cashier), Cecil Croft, J.M. Hopkins, Sam Bradley, and Doutin Stillings.

Madison National Bank first operated in a one-room store in downtown Madison until 1906 when it moved to a two-story concrete block building. The bank moved to the Madison National Bank Building in at 157 Main Street in 1918 when the building was constructed.

On May 31, 1929 Madison National Bank merged with Boone County Bank, originally chartered on December 17, 1907 and became Boone National Bank. Consolidation created added stability to the continuance of banking in Boone County. The first board of directors of the new bank were H.G. Shaffer, F.C. Leftwich, H.W.B. Mullins, W.H. Turley, S.E. Bradley, C.R. Mitchell, E.C. Knabb, E.E. White, D.B. Stollings, O.C. Chambers, M.A. Byrnside, G.B. Hensley, Henry Keadle, Dell Hill, and C.H. Nelson.

Around the same time, Boone National Bank began renting out space in the building. C&P Telephone Company began operating their switchboards on the third floor of the building and vacated in 1966 with the addition of a new dialing system. Boone National Bank remained in the Madison National Bank Building until September 1964 when it moved to a building on the corner of Josephine Avenue and State Street to better accommodate their clients. After the bank moved, the building remained largely vacant for ten years until it was donated to the State Library Commission for use as a public library.

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**Criterion A: Commerce**

Madison National Bank is significant to Madison's and Boone County's commercial history for its contribution to the banking industry in the community and the county. It is the oldest bank in Boone County and has served area residents for over 100 years.

The bank was chartered at a time when the coal industry in the area, nearly defunct for half a century, was about to be revived with the coming of the rail road. The bank continued service to the community throughout the Great Depression and even continued after the heyday of the coal industry in the county.

**Criterion C: Architecture**

The bank is also significant for its Beaux Arts style of architecture, a style not common in the area. The Beaux Arts style was introduced to the United States in the late nineteenth century by architects who studied at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in France. The style became a symbol of the City Beautiful movement, a turn-of-the-century reform movement in architecture and urban planning that used beautification and monumental grandeur to counteract the perceived moral decay of poverty-stricken urban centers.

Elements of the style portrayed in the Madison National Bank building include bilateral symmetry, smooth masonry walls, large columns flanking the entrance, and grand, round-arched openings. The bank is an excellent example of the Beaux Arts style and as a popular style of architecture interpreted for a small community in southern West Virginia.

**Summary**

The Madison National Bank is significant to the local community for its contributions to Madison's and Boone County's commercial history throughout the first half of the twentieth century. It also serves as an excellent local example of Beaux Arts architecture.

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“Beginning at a stake on Main Street in said Town at a point 97.5 feet from the S. E. corner of Lot No. 22 of the original plat of said town, thence with said Main Street N. 39’ E. 53 feet to a stake in Lot No. 2, thence running parallel with the line of said lot at 20 feet and 7 inches there from N. 61’ W. 97.5 feet to a stake at 33 feet from the center line of the Coal River Railroad, thence running with said right of way 53.2 feet to a stake, thence 29’ W. 96.2 feet to the Beginning, together with the buildings thereon, which are to be held and used as hereinafter set forth.”

**Boundary Justification**

The National Register boundary includes the entire parcel of property originally associated with the Madison National Bank building when constructed in 1918.

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**Address:** 375 Main Street  
**Town:** Madison, WV  
**County:** Boone County

**Photographer:** Erin Riebe (WV SHPO)

**Date:** February 2007

**Photo 1 of 5**      Main elevation detail  
Camera facing west

**Photo 2 of 5**      Main (east) and north elevation  
Camera facing southwest

**Photo 3 of 5**      Side (south) elevation window details  
Camera facing northwest

**Photo 4 of 5**      Interior of main lobby  
Camera facing southeast

**Photo 5 of 5**      Interior, second floor balcony  
Camera facing southeast

# LITTLE COAL RIVER

MADISON NATIONAL BANK,  
375 MAIN STREET, MADISON  
BOONE COUNTY, WV

NOT TO SCALE

CSX RAILWAY

WALKING TRAIL

39.95'

PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY

89.5'

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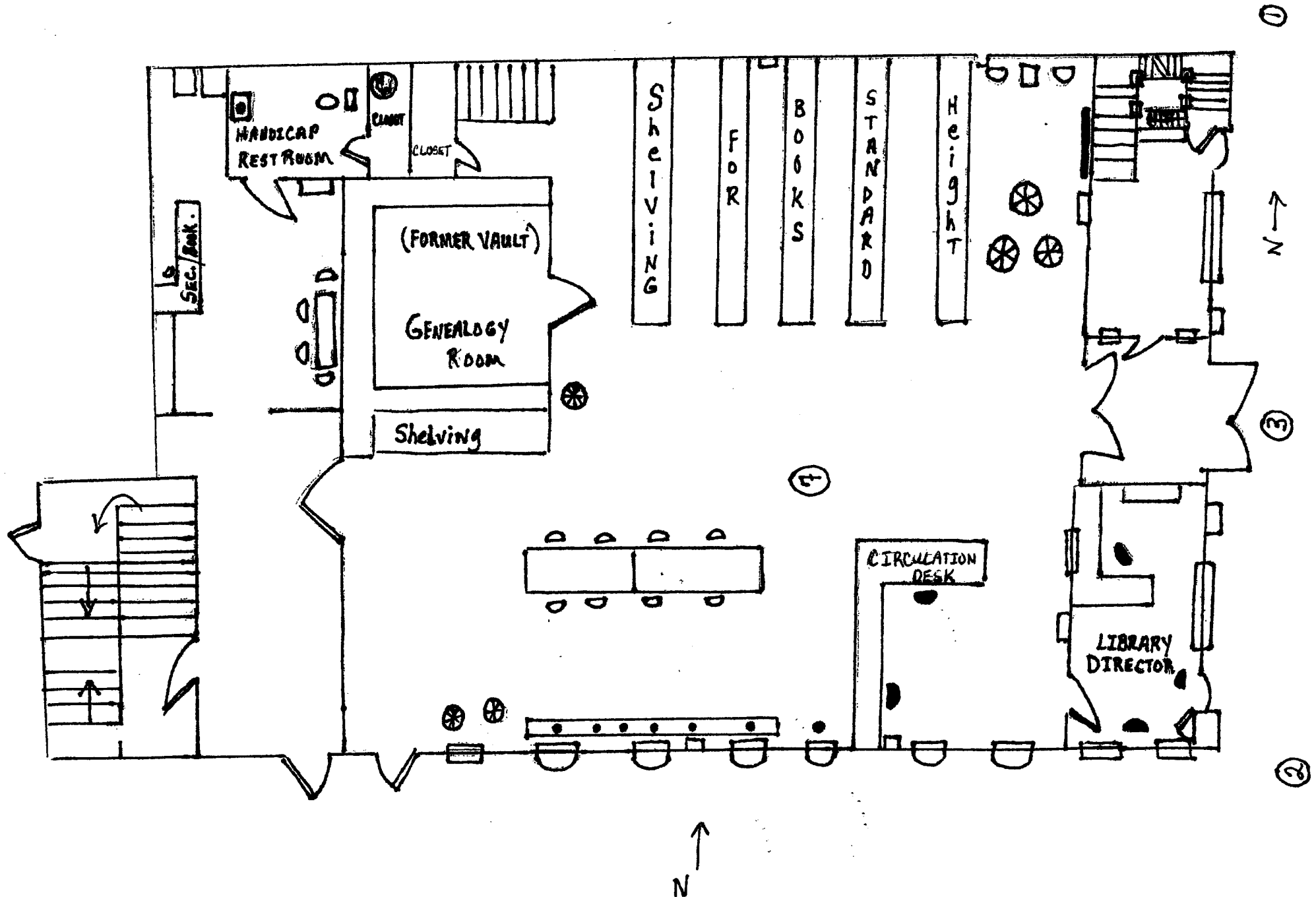
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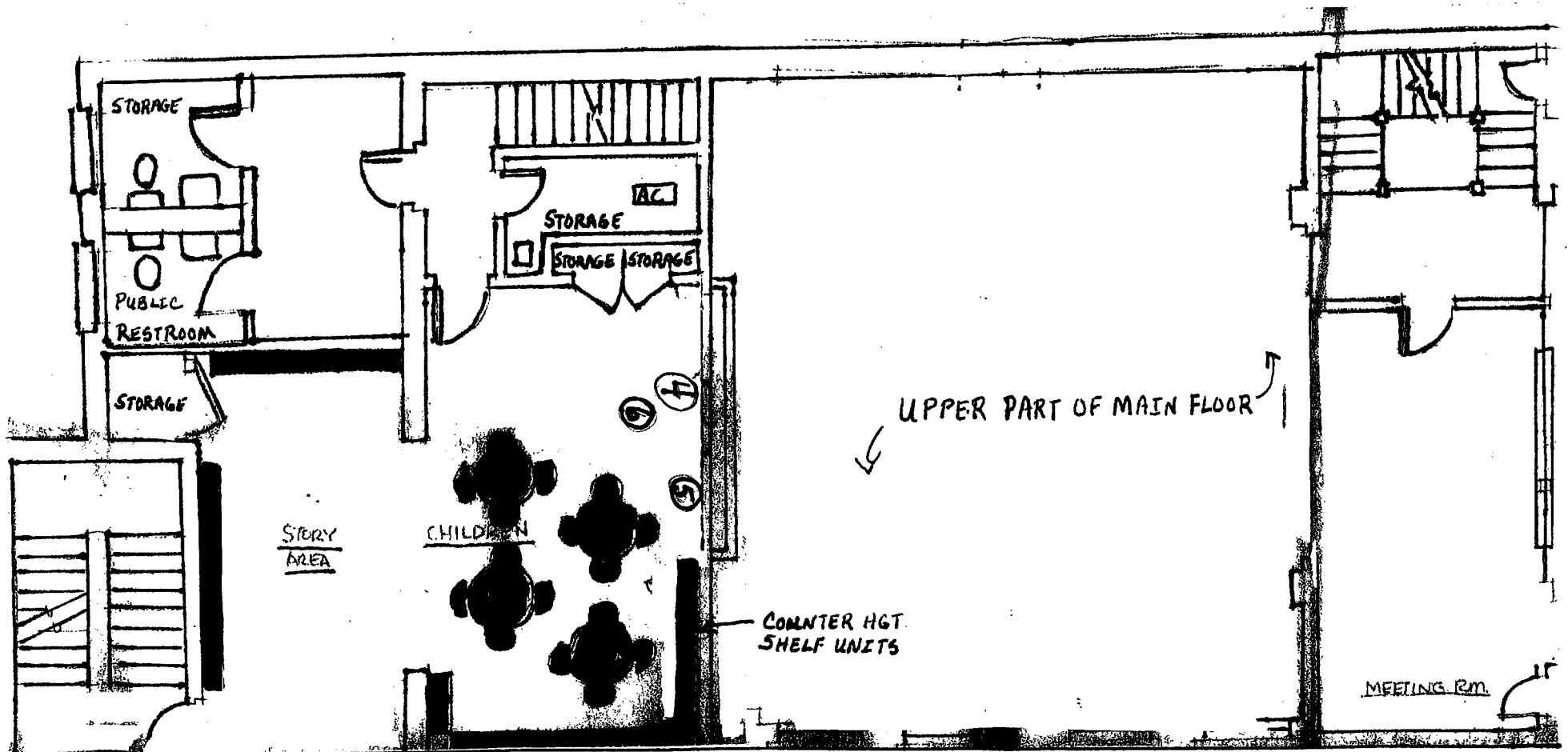
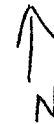
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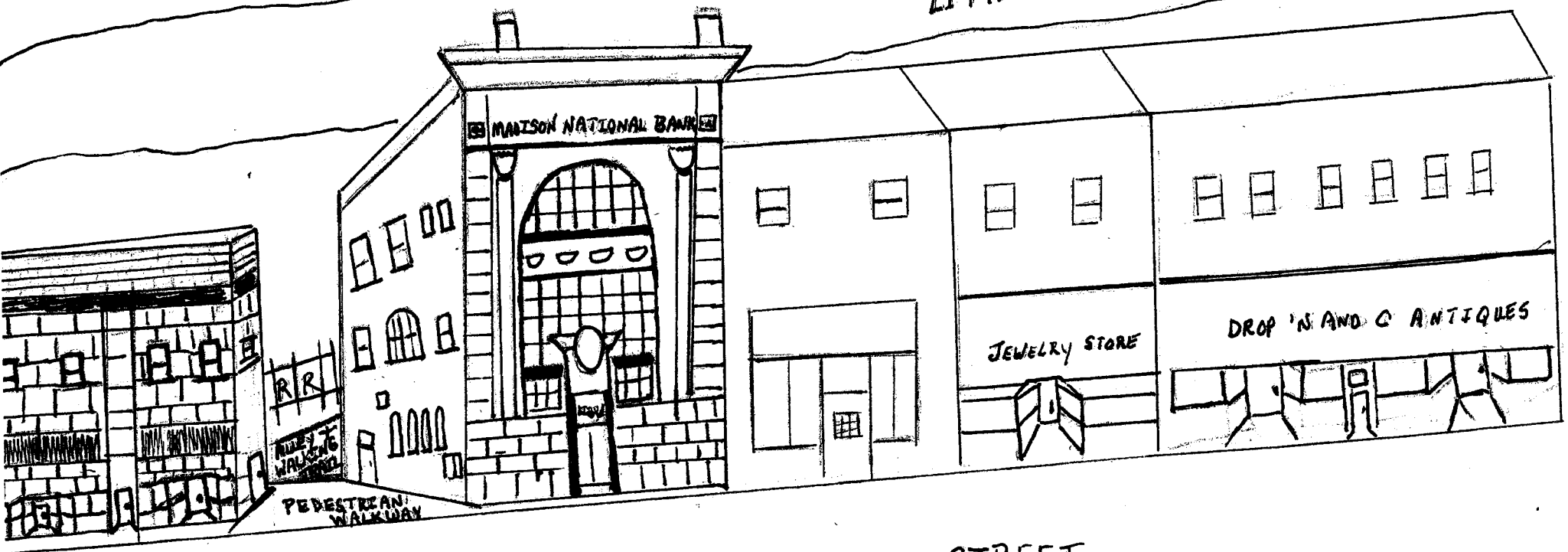


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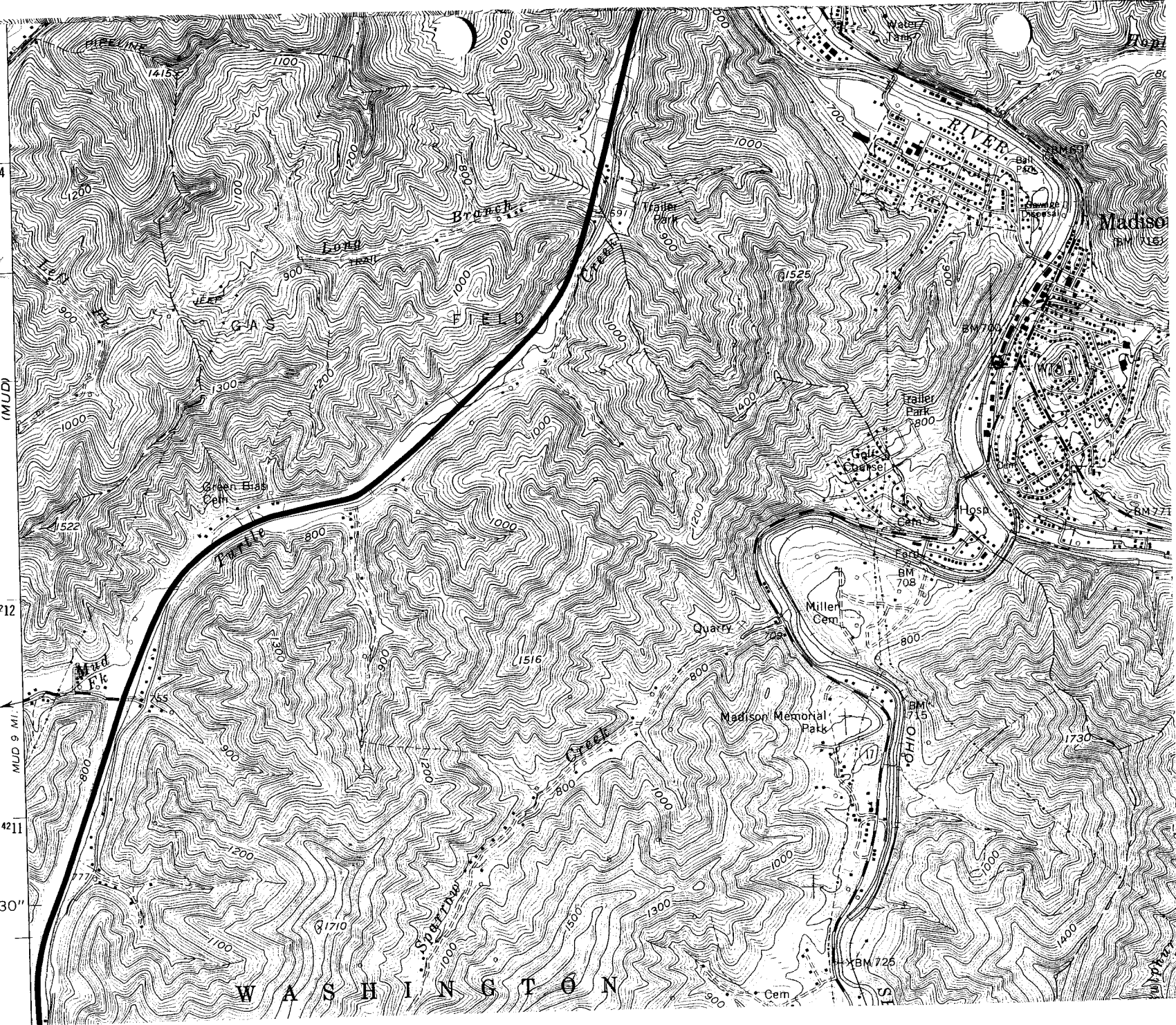
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