

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**National Register of Historic Places Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of PropertyHistoric name: Paw Paw Old Mayor's Office and JailOther names/site number: N/AName of related multiple property listing: N/A

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

2. LocationStreet & number: 93 Lee StreetCity or town: Paw PawState: WVCounty: MorganNot For Publication: ☐Vicinity: ☐**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

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

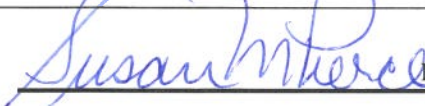
I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A B C D

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|  | | Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer | | 10/2/2023 |
| Signature of certifying official/Title: | | | Date | |
| West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office, Department of Arts, Culture and History | | | | |
| State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government | | | | |
| In my opinion, the property <u> </u> meets <u> </u> does not meet the National Register criteria. | | | | |
| Signature of commenting official: | | | Date | |
| Title : | | | State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government | |

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4. 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
☐ other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private: ☐
Public – Local ☒
Public – State ☐
Public – Federal ☐

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s) ☒
District ☐
Site ☐
Structure ☐
Object ☐

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

| Contributing | Noncontributing | |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| <u>1</u> | <u> </u> | buildings |
| <u> </u> | <u> </u> | sites |
| <u> </u> | <u> </u> | structures |
| <u> </u> | <u> </u> | objects |
| <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> | Total |

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Government/Town Hall

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Vacant/Not in use

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Other: Folk Victorian

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Foundation: wood; Walls: wood; Roof:
metal

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

Located in Paw Paw, Morgan County, the Old Mayor's Office and Jail, constructed in 1893, retains its historic integrity. The building is a Folk Victorian rectangular one story woodframe building constructed in two distinct sections. The front gable end façade on the north end faces Lee Street. The centered front door is flanked by a pair of two-over-two double hung windows. Under the peak of the gable is a covered circular gable vent. Atop the roof at the front façade is a small gabled belltower, added later by local craftsman Oscar Hott (1883-1940) -- with decorative wood batten strips filling the gable sides.¹ The west side elevation contains a pair of two-over-two double hung windows covered by plywood in the front section, and a single window, covered by a metal grate at the rear (jail) section. The rear elevation is plain except for a circular gable vent of wire mesh. Each section of the east elevation has a single window. A small lean-to - at the rear of the building and which was not part of the original building - was removed in September 2021 while work was done to stabilize the jail section.

¹ Research shows the belltower was added sometime before 1909 since Town Council meeting minutes from February 1909 directed the Town Sergeant to ring the bell at curfew.

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Narrative Description

Paw Paw, in Morgan County, is located along the Potomac River in an area known as the Paw Paw Bends. The Paw Paw Valley is surrounded by the ridges of Sideling Hill, Green Ridge, Purslane Mountain, and Town Hill.

The building is located approximately a quarter mile west of the intersection of Winchester Street and Henry Miller Highway (West Virginia Route 9). It sits on a narrow 0.21 acre level lot bordered by Lee Street to the north, the "John King Lot" to the east, Stable Alley to the west, and May Alley to the South. The building is several blocks from the Potomac River and the immediate area is primarily late 19th and early 20th century single family homes with some more recent infill on previously vacant lots.

The only entrance faces onto Lee Street and is reached by a concrete walkway leading to a single concrete step up to the front door. The area in the front of the building is a simple lawn. On the west side there is a narrow strip of grass between the building and the gravel surface of Stable Alley. The driveway of the "John King Lot" to the east is nearly to the building.

Exterior

The Old Mayor's Office and Jail is a woodframe one story gable front building sided in Dutch lap wood siding with cornerboards on the front façade. The building uses wood posts sunk in the ground for the vertical structural members. A skirt of cement board parged over, and with simple cutout vents, has been added to close off the shallow dirt crawlspace under the front section of the building. During the course of repair work in 2021 it was discovered the rear (jail) section was built with floor joists resting directly on the earth. The roof is pitched and covered in what is believed to be the original standing seam metal. The front (north) façade (photo 1) has a single-entry door flanked by a pair of two-over-two double hung windows. Door and window trim is simple flatstock. The front façade is capped by a small gabled belltower (photo 2) built after the initial building was completed, but before 1909. This belltower is attributed to local craftsman Oscar Hott (1883-1940). The faces under the belltower gables are adorned by decorative batten strips. The rafters of the belltower have decorative scroll cut rafter ends. It has been re-roofed with asphalt shingles.

The west elevation (photo 3) clearly shows the two distinct sections of the building. Both sections are sided in similar Dutch lap woodsiding. Fenestration consists of two windows in the first section (covered in plywood) and a single window in the rear section covered by a metal grille.

The south (rear) section is shorter than the front section (photo 5). The elevation is devoid of fenestration or ornamentation and is covered in Dutch lap woodsiding.

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Each section of the east elevation contains a single window (photo 6). The front section is a two-over-two double hung window, while the rear section window is covered in a similar grille as the one on the west side of the rear section.

Interior

The front section (Mayor's office) of the building is a simple rectangular room with a beadboard cabinet in one corner and a large woodstove dominating the back wall (town council meeting minutes indicate the original stove was sold in the fall of 1977). The walls have been covered in sheetrock, but the floor retains its original tongue and groove boards painted grey. The window casings are simple plainstock painted white. (Photos 7-10)

The rear (jail) section is divided into two rooms. The walls of both rooms retain their random wide plank boards ranging from 9" to 12" wide. The floors, like the front section, also retain much of their original tongue and groove floorboards painted grey. The smaller of the two backrooms contains an original "toilet"- not much more than a wooden box with a seat. (Photos 11-13)

Entry to the jail section is through a wooden door that opens inward to reveal the metal jail cell door. This door is made up of simple metal flatstock.

Integrity

The Old Mayor's Office and Jail retains its historic integrity as it relates to Criterion A – a simple public building built in 1893 for the newly incorporated and prospering town of Paw Paw to serve as its seat of town government. The building is largely unchanged and retains most of its original materials and features. The structure retains its historic integrity in terms of location, setting, design, workmanship, materials, association, and feeling.

The building remains in its original location on 0.21 acres of land facing on Lee Street. Although many of the original buildings and structures in town related to the period of significance have been demolished or heavily altered, enough of the historic fabric remains to serve as indicators of this town's history. The Old Mayor's Office and Jail retains almost all of its original materials, design, and workmanship, including wood siding, double hung windows, and decorative gabled belltower. While the interior walls of the front section of the building have been covered in sheetrock, there are enough original materials visible throughout the building to readily convey a sense of history.

The building continues to convey its original design and significance as the seat of town government from the end of the 19th century through the mid-1900's until present day.

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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.)

- ☒ 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.

Criteria Considerations

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

- ☐ 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 old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Politics/Government

Period of Significance

1893-1973

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

N/A

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Old Mayor's Office and Jail is located in the Town of Paw Paw, Morgan County, West Virginia. The town is located in an area along the Potomac River called the "Paw Paw Bends". The building is locally significant under Criterion A: Politics/Government for its longtime role as the seat of Paw Paw's municipal government. The building was constructed shortly after the incorporation of the town in 1891 in response to the growing population and the area's prosperity. The period of significance was from the building's construction in 1893 to 1973. The town government was active in the building until 1977 when the Town Council made the decision to relocate to a larger building (Old Fire House) on Winchester Street. The end date of significance reflects fifty years before the present date. The Old Mayor's Office and Jail has survived with no readily visible alterations to its historical form and retains a high degree of integrity.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

With the beginning of commercial navigation of the Potomac River in 1749 by fur traders of the Ohio Company, who traveled as far west as Cumberland, MD, land in the area of present day Paw Paw was settled by farmers and rivermen.² As additional settlers began arriving around 1800 in the immediate area of present day Paw Paw, a town began to emerge, and this growth accelerated in 1836 as the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company began work on the Paw Paw Tunnel directly across the Potomac River in Maryland.³ Then two years later, in 1838, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad - constructing a rail line from Harpers Ferry to Cumberland, MD - reached the settlement. Shortly thereafter two general merchandise stores and a train depot (1845) were constructed.⁴

In 1846 the first Post Office was established with Isaac Baker as the first postmaster and the settlement was officially referred to as "Isaac Baker's Store or Depot".⁵ Later the settlement was identified as "Paw Paw Tunnel", eventually "Tunnel" was dropped and the area became simply known as "Paw Paw".⁶

On April 8, 1891, the Circuit Court of Morgan County granted a certificate of incorporation to Joseph Robinson, W.V. Kirk, S.S. Fisher, J.L. Noland, and Lewis Largent for the Town of Paw Paw.⁷ At the time of incorporation the town had four general stores, one furniture store, four

² Morgan County Historical & Genealogical Society, Berkeley Springs, WV, Morgan County, WV and its People, (Dallas: Taylor Publishing Co, 1981), 12.

³ Morgan County Historical, *Morgan County*, 12.

⁴ Lewis Largent, "Historical Sketch of Paw Paw," in *Once Upon a Time in Paw Paw*, ed. Janet Galliher and Vicki Sirbaugh (1997) n.p.

⁵ Morgan County Historical, *Morgan County*, 12

⁶ Morgan County Historical, *Morgan County*, 12.

⁷ Charter of the Town of Paw Paw, Morgan Circuit Court, April 8, 1891.

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churches, a first class high school, and a third class post office.⁸ Per the 1890 census the town population was 772, and peaked in 1940 at 990.⁹ Mr. Charles E. Wentling was elected Paw Paw's first mayor in 1891.¹⁰ The Morgan County Online Deed Research Tool shows that on 14 December 1892 Joseph Largent sold a small plot of land to the new Town of Paw Paw for \$40 for the purpose of constructing a Town Hall. And on 22 May 1894 Joseph Largent sold to the town a second lot measuring 5' x 22' directly behind the Town Hall.¹¹ This expansion was likely to allow for construction of the rear section (jail) of the building. A third sale of property to the town by John Kidwell occurred in 1937 that expanded the lot to its final/current size.¹²

From its opening the Town Hall served as more than just the seat of local government. In the 7 December 1893 edition of the weekly *Morgan Messenger* the "Paw Paw Column" reported tickets on sale at the barber shop for a Grand Ball to be held in the new Town Hall on the night of 12 December.¹³ The first issue in 1894 of the *Morgan Messenger* reported another ball was held on 27 December 1893 for young lads and lasses. There was a large crowd with refreshments served at 12:00 and the band played until 3:30 AM.¹⁴ Three weeks later the *Morgan Messenger* reported the Grant Bros. Variety Troupe had arrived in town and gave a performance to a very small crowd in the new hall.¹⁵ The ladies of the M.E. Church held a weekend festival in February of 1894 and raised \$40.¹⁶ In keeping with this reporting of positivity the *Morgan News* reported in 1894 that "Paw Paw at the present time is more beautiful than in any former time of her history. The streets are superb, plank pavements elegant, and her street lights refulgent."¹⁷

Per review of Town Council meeting minutes beginning in 1906 (unfortunately earlier minutes could not be located) the government was comprised of seven members (mayor, recorder, and five councilman) elected annually. The town council in turn selected a Town Sergeant from the town citizenry who was responsible for a variety of tasks that over the years included such responsibilities as collecting taxes, enforcing curfew, dog catcher, and lighting the streetlights each evening. The meeting minutes from 19 February 1909 included passing an ordinance establishing a town curfew. The ordinance required the Town Sergeant to ring the bell at the Town Hall at the hours specified in the ordinance and applied to minors under 16. Penalty included the discretion of spending not more than 10 days of confinement in the town lockup or compelled to work upon the streets at wages fixed by ordinance.¹⁸

⁸ Largent, "Historical Sketch of Paw Paw," n.p.

⁹ U.S. CENSUS

¹⁰ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/47823212/charles-edmond-wentling>
(Source: Morning Herald (Hagerstown, MD) Monday, March 14, 1932.

¹¹ Morgan County WV Online Deed Search -
http://129.71.205.187/?fbclid=IwAR1B_Bc-Rsb8TKWVOpEseSgYCtkKL3-MT7bjBneKN-9R98eQ8NUyeRSc038 Morgan County Deed Book 18, Page 110 and Deed Book 19, Page 76. (Note the original deed from Deed Book 18, Page 110 is missing)

¹² Morgan County Deed Book 46, Page 394.

¹³ *The Morgan Messenger*, 7 December 1893.

¹⁴ *The Morgan Messenger*, 4 January 1894.

¹⁵ *The Morgan Messenger*, 25 January 1894.

¹⁶ *The Morgan Messenger*, 22 February 1894.

¹⁷ Morgan County Historical, *Morgan County*, 13.

¹⁸ Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes, 19 February 1909.

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In June 1917 the Town Council held a special session to consider what precautions to take in the case of smallpox. The Town Council petitioned the County Board of Health to designate Mayor Lewis Largent to look after smallpox in town. It was determined to have the Recorder notify the owners of the moving picture theater to close on account of smallpox until further notice and should anyone feel any ailment that think is a symptom of smallpox to immediately report such to the mayor.¹⁹ Later that month, by order of Mayor Largent, Dr. Raymond Kirk appeared before the Town Council and reported the danger of any spread of Smallpox was over and there was no justification or need to keep the moving picture hall closed. Mr. J.M. Kidwell requested reimbursement of \$5.86 for not getting to show his reels to which the Town Council voted to reimburse him the sum of \$5.86.²⁰

The first mention in the *Morgan Messenger* of the Jail being put to use occurred in the 15 August 1895 edition of the paper. The paper reported a man who was supposed to be insane was confined to the lock-up over Sunday. He remained there until Sheriff Lewis Largent could take him away on Monday.²¹

In the 20 March 1906 minutes of the Town Council meeting, it was recorded that Mayor Lewis Largent informed the Council the two ball and chains the Council had instructed him to purchase were now on hand and available for use.²² In September 1908 the Mayor reported to the Council that in the opinion of Attorney H.B. Gilkeson only in cases of petty larceny could persons be worked on the streets with ball and chain.²³ In the 28 November 1909 meeting minutes of the Town Council it was recorded that a reward of \$50 was being offered for information that would lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who broke open the town lockup and released prisoner Harry Baker from custody.²⁴

Per numerous entries in the Town Council meeting minutes, prisoners' meals were procured from a variety of local sources. In 1912, Mr J.H. Holiday was selected and requested to feed prisoners whenever placed in the town lockup.²⁵ In April 1917 the meeting minutes noted \$1.00 was paid to Mrs. Sibole for four meals for prisoners.²⁶ In later years meals were provided by Mrs. Ruth Bevans (restaurant owner), and the Lark Inn and amounts noted in the meeting minutes.²⁷

In addition to being the place where the Town Council conducted their meetings, the building also served as a court for minor offenses. In its 16 July 1896 edition of the paper the *Morgan Messenger* reported John Amos stood before 'Squire E.G. Heddings for striking a white child.'²⁸

¹⁹ Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes, 1 June 1917.

²⁰ Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes, 11 June 1917.

²¹ *The Morgan Messenger*, 15 August 1895.

²² Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes, 20 March 1906.

²³ Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes, 12 September 1908.

²⁴ Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes, 28 November 1909.

²⁵ Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes, 26 February 1912.

²⁶ Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes, 9 April 1917.

²⁷ Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes, numerous entries.

²⁸ *The Morgan Messenger*, 16 July 1896.

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The holding of court went on throughout the building's use as the Town Hall. The minutes from the 11 March 1953 Town Council meeting record the mayor hearing the case of Billie Emart regarding damage to a fire hydrant to which he plead guilty, and agreed to pay for the damage. The mayor then withdrew the charge.²⁹ The last mayor to serve in the building, (Mr Eldridge Kerns, mayor July 1953-August 1956, December 1956-June 1957, July 1965-June 1967, and July 1975-June 1977), reported he held misdemeanor court in the building as part of his duties as the mayor. Fines were typically \$5.00 with a \$3.00 court fee, and for those who could not, or would not pay a stay in the jail was the unfortunate alternative -- in which case the Town Sergeant/policeman would spend the nights at the building too.³⁰

In addition to its use for social functions, as a meeting place for the town council, and local court for minor offenses others requested its use as well. In February 1908 Attorney A.C. McIntire of Berkeley Springs requested the use of the Council Room as an office for a few hours one day each week, and in exchange McIntire would advise the council regarding the legality of certain ordinances and matters pertaining to legal advice to which the Council agreed.³¹ In November 1908 the Town Council ordered the council room and the chair of Councilman S.V. Alderton be draped in mourning for a period of 30 days.³² In February 1909 the Justice of the Peace, F.G. Hott requested the use of the building to conduct his court to which the Council agreed to with the understanding he always leave the building in good and orderly condition.³³ These multiple functions are likely what drove the Town Council in August 1911 to instruct the mayor to get "about 50 pieces 2/6,16 feet long of lumber to be used for seating capacity for public occasions same to be stored near the council room".³⁴

As late as 1966 the building continued to serve the community in other ways. When the Kifer Store in Paw Paw would no longer allow payment of electric bills in their store, the Town Council arranged for Mr. Millard of the Potomac Edison Company to use the Town Hall for \$5.00 a month to collect payments.³⁵

The meeting minutes from the Town Council record numerous expenses to maintain and update the building over the course of its use. In February 1911 the town council approved a bid of \$16 per month for the care and lighting of the streetlamps as well as the care of the Council Room.³⁶ Then in January 1913 the mayor was directed to secure someone to clean the council room and lockup and serve as the purchasing agent to purchase bed clothing that might be necessary.³⁷ In February 1914 the council authorized the mayor to have the council room and jail thoroughly renovated.³⁸ In November 1917 Mr. J.W. Saunder's bid to paint the Council Room was approved with the record stating that "the outside be given two good coats of white

²⁹ Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes. 11 March 1953.

³⁰ Interview with Mr Eldridge Kerns, 26 June 2023.

³¹ Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes. 28 February 1908.

³² Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes. 18 November 1908.

³³ Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes. 15 February 1909.

³⁴ Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes. 8 August 1911.

³⁵ Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes. 3 October & 7 November 1966

³⁶ Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes. 27 February 1911.

³⁷ Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes. 23 January 1913.

³⁸ Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes. 2 February 1914.

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lead and oil including the shutters and cupola and the inside woodwork as specified in the contract and that the iron door and bars be painted black at the price set in the contract of \$45.00".³⁹ In the March 1947 town council meeting minutes a motion was noted by L.B. Youngblood and seconded by Ora Robertson that upon completion of repairs and remodeling of the windows to the jail that all firms or companies having not paid the tax to operate or run their trucks or vehicles over the town streets that they be arrested and fined. This motion duly carried.⁴⁰

By 1972, after serving nearly 80 years as the meeting place for the town council and much more, the Town Council was recorded as looking into a new town building. Motion was made by Councilman Hardy, seconded by Councilman Norton to consult with an engineer about studying the matter.⁴¹ While no record of the study is known to exist, in 1975 the Morgan County Court offered the Town of Paw Paw the property on Winchester Street known as the Fire House for the sum of \$1.00. Motion was made and seconded to invest in this property after all records had been cleared.⁴² The Town of Paw Paw made the move from the Old Mayor's Office and Jail into the Fire House in 1977. While the Mayor's Misdemeanor Court continued to be held in Paw Paw's new Town Hall the prisoners were now to be taken to the Morgan County Courthouse in Berkeley Springs to serve their time.⁴³

Now, after more than 130 years since its construction, the Old Mayor's Office and Jail continues to convey its historic association with the Town of Paw Paw's early government. For over eight decades this building was the site of Town Council meetings, court cases, and housed prisoners. It remains largely unchanged since that time. The length of its use, and varied uses over the period of significance, coupled with its strong historic integrity in terms of location, setting, design, workmanship, materials, association, and feeling makes the building worthy of an individual nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

³⁹ Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes. 12 November 1917.

⁴⁰ Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes. 3 March 1947.

⁴¹ Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes. 1 May 1972.

⁴² Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes. 2 December 1975.

⁴³ Interview with Mr Eldridge Kerns, 26 June 2023.

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The Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes, 3 February 1906 – 10 June 1918.

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Note: The ledger book is missing pages 203-208, or minutes for any meetings held after 22 January 1915 and before 4 March 1915.

The Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes, 1 July 1947 – 30 June 1959.

Note: The first entry of this volume states: After a visit from the State Auditor the Recorder noted ... "We were also notified to get a permanent minute book in which to keep all records the same to be started as of July 1, 1947".

The Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes, 1 July 1959 – 30 June 1967.

The Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes, 1 July 1967 – 30 June 1975.

The Town of Paw Paw Town Council Meeting Minutes, 1 July 1975 – 30 June 1979.

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 # _____
☐ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

☐ State Historic Preservation Office
☐ Other State agency
☐ Federal agency
☐ Local government
☐ University
☐ Other
Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.21

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

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Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____
(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1. Latitude: 39.53367 Longitude: -78.45901

Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

☐ NAD 1927 or ☒ NAD 1983

1. Zone: 17N Easting: 4379083 Northing: 718383

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The building sits on a narrow lot bordered by Lee Street to the north, the "John King Lot" to the east, Stable Alley to the west, and May Alley to the South and is shown as a solid redline on the attached map.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary selected is the current and historical property boundary on which the Old Mayor's Office and Jail is located.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization: Cacapon Preservation Solutions, LLC
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date: 27 June 2023

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Figure Log

- 1 of 4. USGS Topographical Locational Map
- 2 of 4. Satellite Imagery
- 3 of 4. Exterior Photo Key
- 4 of 4. Interior Photo Key

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Old Mayor's Office & Jail

City or Vicinity: Paw Paw

County: Morgan

State: WV

Photographer: David Abruzzi

Date Photographed: 6 June 2023

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

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- 1 of 13. Main Elevation, Facing South
- 2 of 13. Belltower, Facing South
- 3 of 13. West Side Elevation, Facing East
- 4 of 13. Oblique angle, Facing. Northeast
- 5 of 13. Rear Elevation, Facing North
- 6 of 13. East Elevation, Oblique angle facing Southwest
- 7 of 13. Main Interior Area, Facing North
- 8 of 13. Main Interior Area, Facing West
- 9 of 13. Main Interior Area, Facing South
- 10 of 13. Main Interior Area, Facing East
- 11 of 13. From Main Interior Area, Facing South to show Jail Cell
- 12 of 13. Jail Cell, Facing West
- 13 of 13. Secondary Cell. (toilet room), Facing North

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- Tier 3 – 230 hours
- Tier 4 – 280 hours

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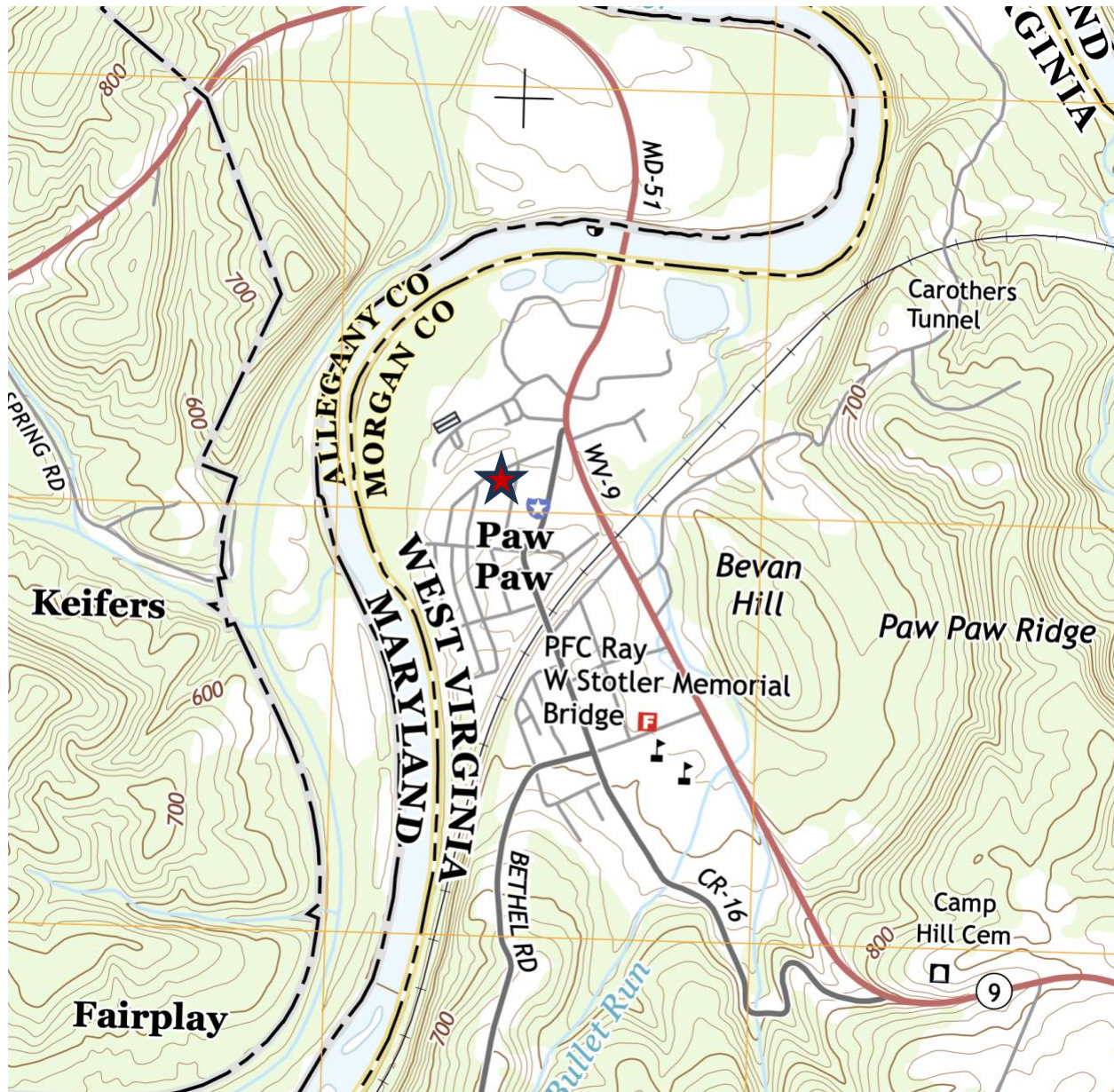


Figure 1: USGS Topographical Locational Map

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Figure 2: Satellite Imagery

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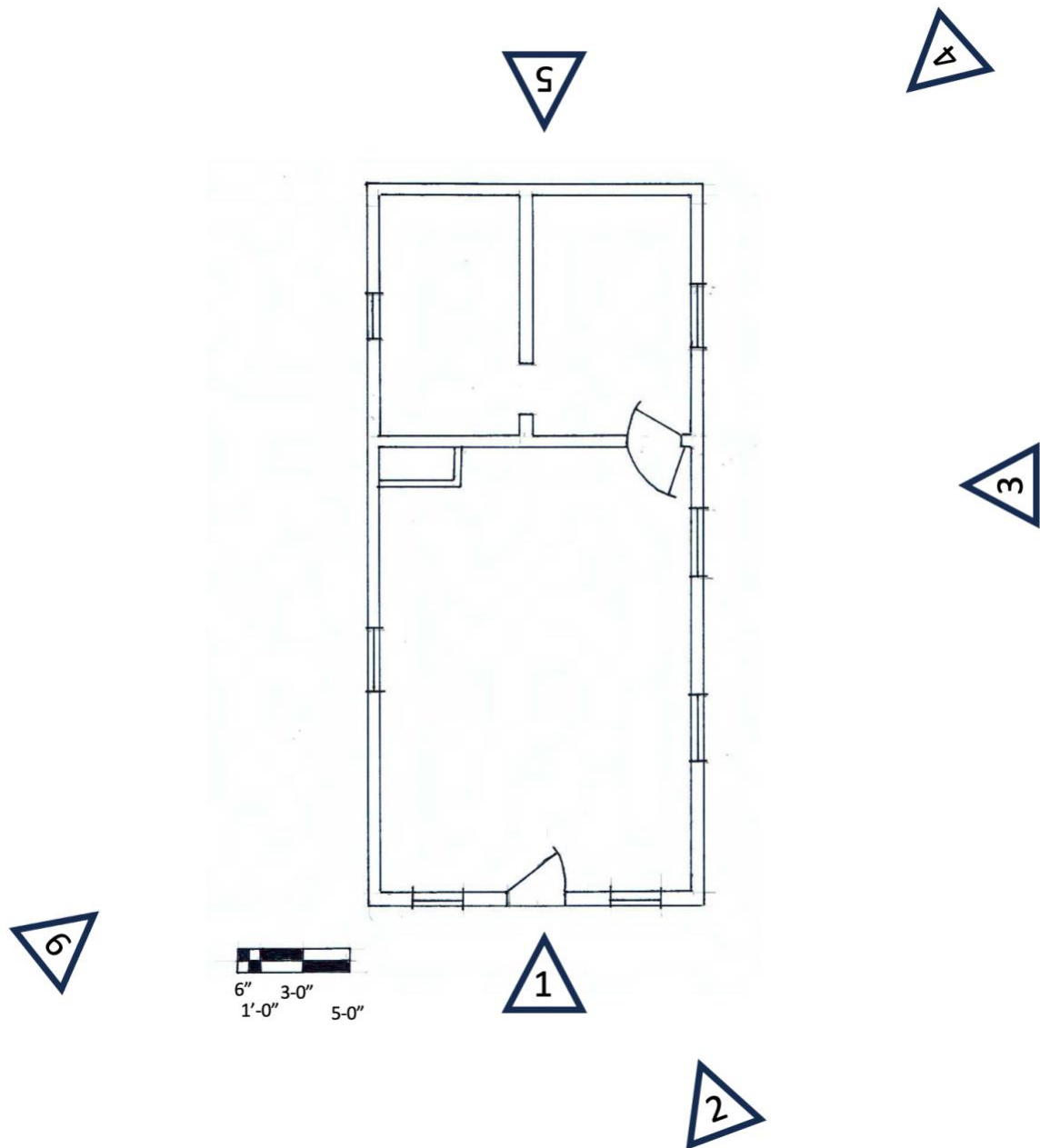


Figure 3: Exterior Photo Key (Not to Scale)

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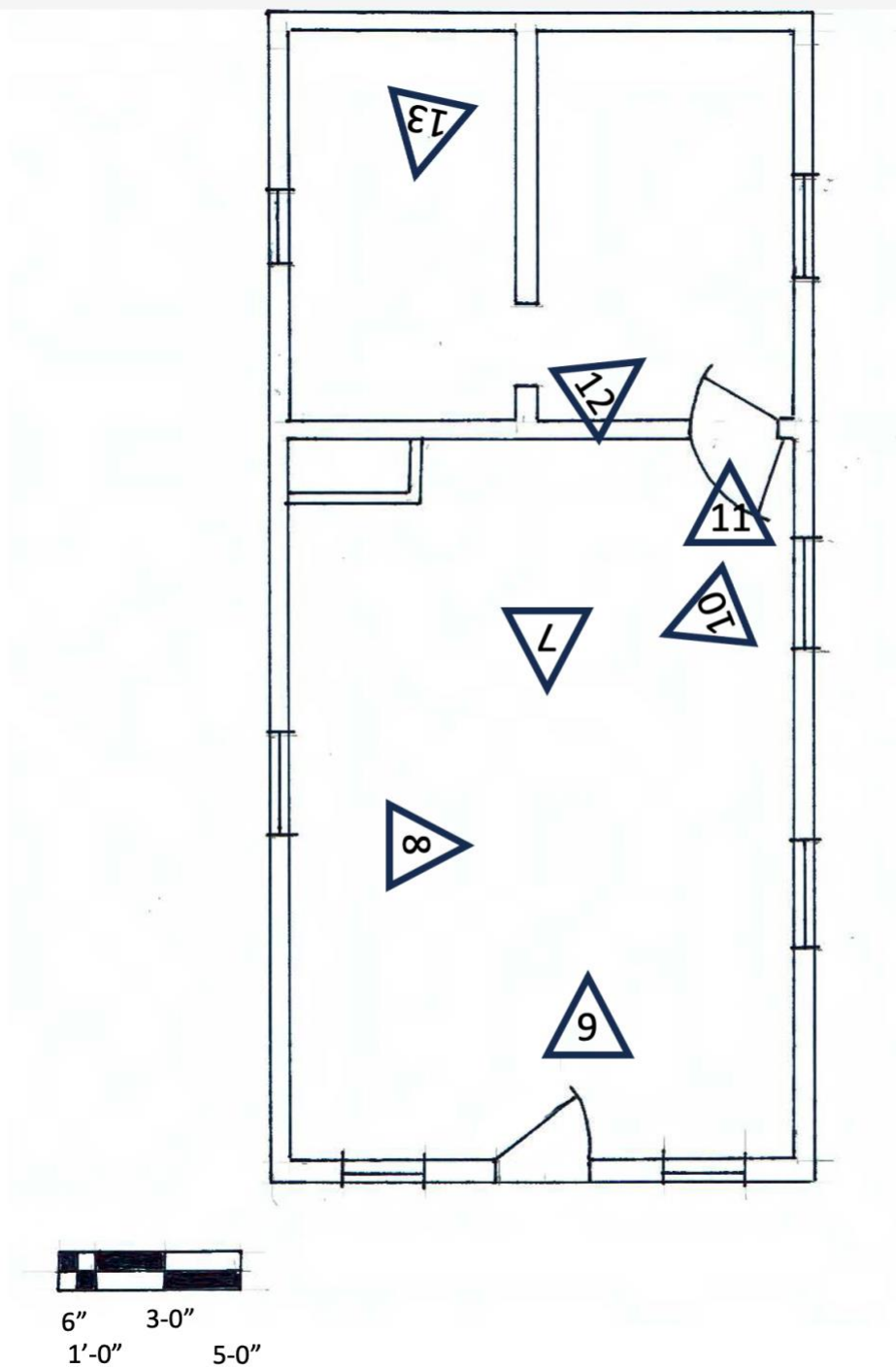


Figure 4: Interior Photo Key (Not to Scale)

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Photo 1. Main Elevation, Facing South

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Photo 2. Belltower, Facing South

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Photo 3. West Elevation, Facing East

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Photo 4. Oblique angle, Facing Northeast

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Photo 5. Rear Elevation, Facing North

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Photo 6. East Elevation, Oblique angle facing Southwest

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Photo 7. Main Interior Area, Facing North

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Photo 8. Main Interior Area, Facing West

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Photo 9. Main Interior Area, Facing South

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Photo 10. Main Interior Area, Facing East

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Photo 11. From Main Interior Area, Facing South to show Jail Cell

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Photo 12. Jail Cell, Facing West

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Photo 13. Secondary Cell. (toilet room), Facing North