

People's Store  
Northeast corner, intersection  
of Rt's 39 and 219  
Marlinton  
Pocahontas County  
West Virginia

HABS No. WV-235

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY  
MID-ATLANTIC REGION, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19106

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE WEST VIRGINIA	COUNTY POCAHONTAS	TOWN OR VICINITY MARLINTON
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) PEOPLE'S STORE (POCAHONTAS COUNTY HISTORY) Pub. 1981		HABS NO. WV-235
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE SAME		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Intersection of Rt. 39 & U.S. Rt. 219, Marlinton, WV 24954		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1913 (Pochontas County History)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Locally significant example of commercial structure and associated residential use on second floor.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Commercial		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wood framing, covered with pressed metal sheets, formed like rusticated block.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See attached plans.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Boom town facades, topped with multiple brackets. Series of roofs reflects evolution of form and size of multi-use structure. Corrugated metal roofing.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Largely altered. Layout shown on attached plans.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Although roof forms suggest series of alteration and additions, specific dates are not known.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Deplorable. Not in use due to flood damage.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE To be demolished by town in 1988.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Pocahontas County History, Pochontas County Land Books		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION DeEtta King Hunter, Project Director Edited by Tina Van Dyke. NPS, MARO	DATE July 26, 1988	

PEOPLE'S STORE

The building which presently sets on the site was built in 1913 by Irs Brill and was named The Peoples Store And Supply Compsny. Mr. Brill lived over the Store in an spartment until his death in 1931. Mrs. Brill then ran the store until her death at which time it continued as a fsmily corporation run by one of the daughters until the 1970'a. Curtis Pyles then purchased the store and was the only owner prior to Sherman Gibson, the owner at the time of the November 1985 flood.

After the November Flood, the Gibson's found the building to be in such s state of diasrray and reatoration an impossibility, thst the general store businessa 'wss no longer a viable one. The business had been under financial stress for quite sometime. The flood damage waa ao severe to the building that no one had any alternative uses for the structure. It was listed with Strout Realty, a local company with offices throughout the state ss well as other atates, with no success of finding a potential buyer.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

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Site:

As previously stated, the attached plat of survey made by William E. Dilley, for Sherman and Melinda Gibson, was used as the source of the square footage, as used in this report. See A1 of the ADDENDA. This is the parcel of land that appears on tax Map 1 of the Town of Marlinton as parcel 37. The survey is assumed to be accurate, and the parcel contains 17,044 square feet.

Irregular in shape, the Subject fronts US Rt. 219, 125 feet, more or less, extends back with WV Rt. 39, 160 feet, more or less, extends back with the Kincaid line 111.70 feet, more or less, and is 116.58 feet across the rear with the meanders of the low water mark of the Greenbrier River. Subject contains 17,044 sq.ft., more or less, the front and south ends are on grade, then the lot drops down gently to the river, in an easterly direction.

All available public utilities, electricity, sewer, water and telephone are on site.

Improvements:

The Subject is currently not being utilized, but has been a general store, feed store, department store operation. The structure is a two story frame structure with embossed tin siding, on a concrete foundation.

It is divided into 3 main sections. The front, (facing Rt.39), lower level was retail sales, the front upper level was living quarters. The rear 2 story section was warehousing and storage.

The structure, by field measurement, contains a total of 15,042 square feet on both floors, broken down as follows:

"Finished" area 1st floor	5321 sq.ft.	
"Finished" area 2nd floor	4064 sq.ft.	
Total "Finished" area.....		9385
Unfinished area 1st floor	2907 sq.ft.	
Unfinished area 2nd floor	2750 sq.ft.	
Total unfinished area.....		5657
Total area, both floors.....		15,042

The structure is in generally fair to poor condition.

Some apparent flood damage was observed on the main floor i.e. buckled flooring, warped walls, a collapsed foundation in the 10.5 X 15.5 ft. storage section near the rear portion of the building, flood deposited debris and mud in the basement sections, and unseen problems which would surface, should it be put back into operation.

A major observed deficiency was the lack of a central heating system. Electric space heaters were noted, but in my opinion, the heaters were not sufficient to adequately heat the

"Normally heated areas," without extensive measures being taken to make the structure more energy efficient by the addition of insulation, weatherstripping, storm sashes and doors, lowering the ceilings, etc. The condition of the plumbing and electrical systems was unknown, nor could it be ascertained.

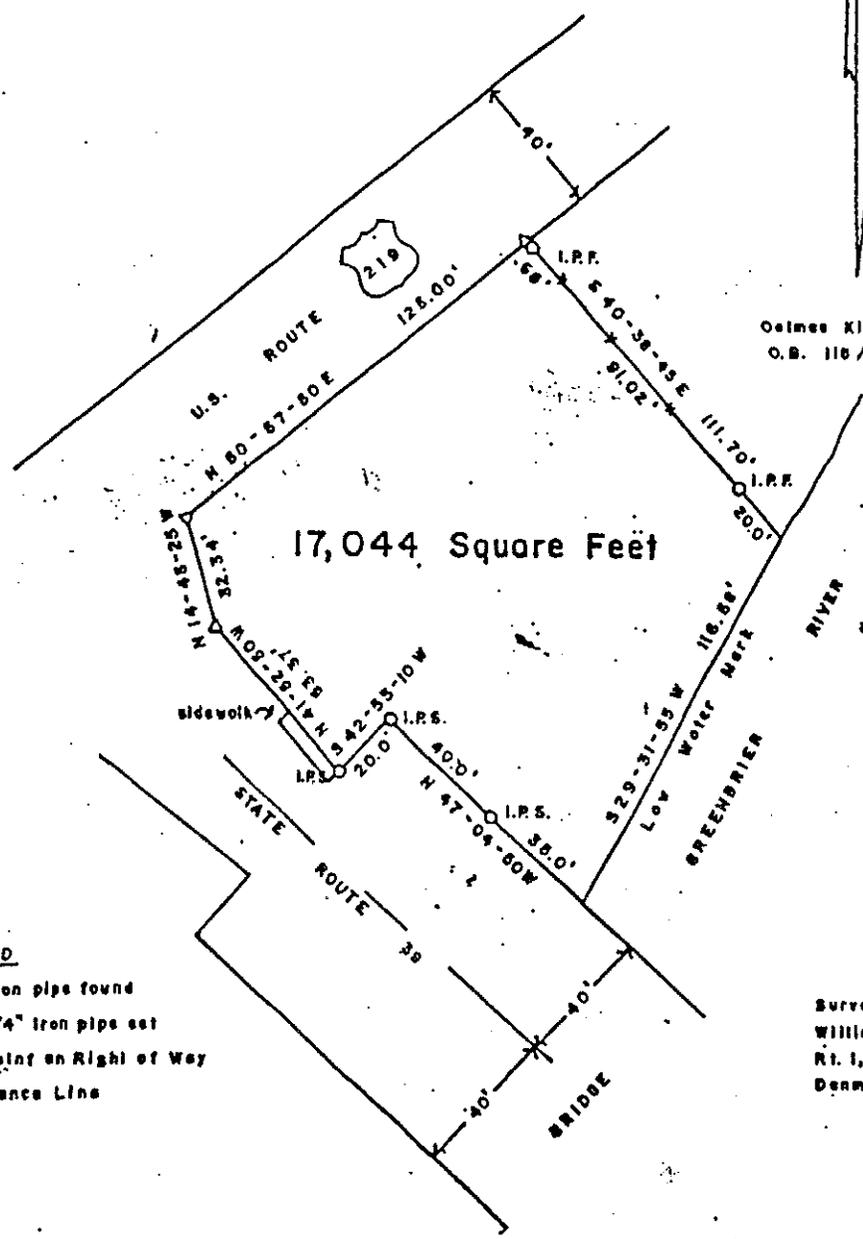
Along the south side (Rt.39), there are approximately 3 parking spaces, and along the west side (US Rt.219), there are approximately 4 parking areas. On site parking is considered insufficient for this type and size of structure. See ADDENDA Page A3 for building sketch.

PLAT OF SURVEY  
FOR  
SHERMAN & MELINDA GIBSON

BTR: Certe & Irene Pyles      Deed Book 147 page 463  
STE: Sherman Gibson            October, 30, 1978  
MARLINTON CORPORATION       Pocahontas County  
Tax Map 2 parcel 37              West Virginia



Declination 7°07' W  
August 1986  
O & E College  
Elkins, W.Va.



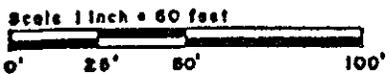
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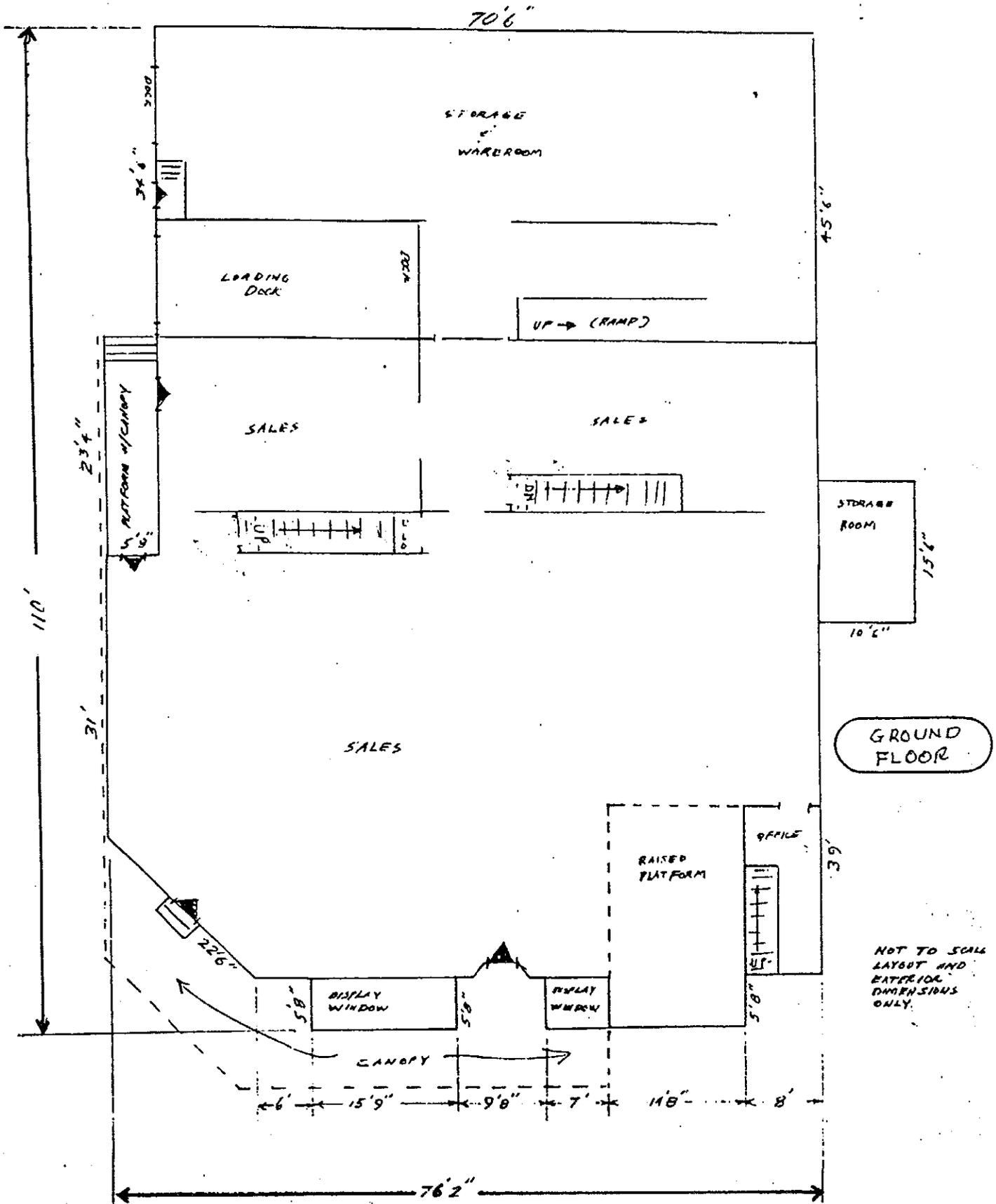
17,044 Square Feet

LEGEND

- I.P.F.      Iron pipe found
- I.P.S.      3/4" iron pipe set
- Δ          point on Right of Way
- x—x—    Fence Line

Surveyed March 1986  
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