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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic

and or common Franklin Historic District

2. Location

street & number Principally Main and High Streets

not for publication

city, town Franklin

vicinity of

congressional district

N/A

state West Virginia

code 54

county Pendleton

code 071

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
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			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple Owners

street & number

city, town

vicinity of

state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pendleton County Court House

street & number

Main Street

city, town

Franklin

state West Virginia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Franklin Historic Sites Survey

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date August, 1983

☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

West Virginia Department of Culture and History

city, town Charleston

state West Virginia

7. Description

Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Summary Description

Franklin, a town with a population of approximately 800 people, is the county seat of Pendleton County. The county is located at the headwaters of the South Branch of the Potomac River and is bordered on its south and east sides by Virginia. Franklin is located approximately in the center of the county at the junction of US Routes 220 and 33. Although the town was settled in the 1780's and established by the Virginia legislature in 1794, it appears today to reflect the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Included within the district are 135 buildings, the majority of which are residential structures. The district includes primarily Main Street (US Route 220) and High Street, parallel to it on the west. Also, Walnut Street which is perpendicular to Main is included. Along these streets will be found most of the older architecture in the town. The most frequently seen stylistic influences in Franklin are that of the Queen Anne and Four Square, with some commercial Italianate and Greek Revival included as well. The two blocks of the central business section located north of the courthouse were destroyed by fire in 1924. There is in that area today a substantial amount of non-contributing infill.

101 Contributing structures

Additional Descriptive Information

Following is an inventory of the buildings within the district. The inventory includes a brief description of each structure and a notation as to whether it is a contributing, non-contributing or Key (outstanding) building. Approximately 25% of the buildings are considered to be non-contributing to the historic and architectural character of the district. Although this is a rather high percentage, these non-contributing elements are scattered throughout the district and can not be excluded easily by altering the boundaries. Also, a substantial number of the non-contributing buildings are located in the part of the town center that was destroyed by fire.

Among the key or outstanding buildings are two of the town's oldest standing structures such as the stuccoed stone farm house and barn at the west edge of the district (#10), the mid 19th century Greek Revival style McCoy House (#106) which is individually listed in the National Register. Also considered Key buildings are several Queen Anne style houses which are exemplary because of the retained qualities of their style.

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INVENTORY OF BUILDINGS

NOTE: Sites marked with two asterisks (**) have been previously individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

1. East Side, Hall's Hill Road. Two story, three bay balloon frame house covered with lapped siding. It has a central chimney and 2/2 windows. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
2. East Side, Hall's Hill Road. Two story gable-front balloon frame house with central chimney. It is covered with plain lapped siding. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
3. East side, Hall's Hill Road. Two story balloon frame house with central chimney. It is covered with plain lapped siding. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
4. East side, Hall's Hill Road. Two story balloon frame house covered with plain lapped siding. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
5. East side, Hall's Hill Road. Two story balloon frame house with a shed roofed extension. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
6. East side, Hall's Hill Road at Boggs Drive. Two story balloon frame house with beaded lapped siding. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
7. West Side, Hall's Hill Road, south of Boggs Drive. Two story, three bay balloon frame house covered with lapped siding. It has inside end brick chimneys. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
8. Southwest corner Hall's Hill Road and Boggs Drive. Two story, two bay balloon frame, gable front house, 2/2 windows. It is covered with plain lapped siding. Ca. 1910. Contributing.
9. North side, Boggs Drive. Two story, three bay, balloon frame house, 6/1 windows. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
10. West terminus, Boggs Drive. Two story farm house with two story porch across front. Large inside end brick chimneys. Stuccoed over stone construction. Early 19th century. Large frame bank barn. Key Building.
11. South side, Walnut Steet, East of Hall's Hill Road. Two story balloon frame house with central chimney. Lapped wood siding, 2/2 windows. Two small frame out buildings. Ca. 1900. Contributing.

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12. South of Walnut Street, East of Hall's Hill Road. Two story, three bay balloon frame building covered with plain lapped siding. Central entrance and inside end chimneys. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
13. South Side, Walnut Street. Two story, four bay balloon frame house with two center front doors. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
14. South Side, Walnut Street. Two story, four bay balloon frame duplex, covered with plain lapped siding. Two central front doors. Small interior brick chimneys. Ca. 1890. Contributing.
15. North Side, Walnut Street. Two story, balloon frame house covered with aluminum siding. Ca. 1890. Contributing.
16. Northwest corner, Walnut and High Streets. Two story, two bay house with plain lapped siding. Possibly of log construction. Added cross gable dated 1881. Ca. 1840. Contributing.
17. Southwest corner, Walnut and High Streets. Two story three bay stuccoed frame or brick building with frame L to rear. Inside end brick chimneys, bracketed eaves, central main entrance with transom and side lights. Ca. 1875. Contributing.
18. Northeast corner of Walnut and High Streets. Ca. 1950 church. Brick construction. Non-contributing.
19. North side of Walnut Street between High and Main. Concrete block commercial building. Non-contributing.
20. Southeast corner, Walnut and High Streets. Presbyterian Church. Brick with gothic style features. Ca. 1925. Contributing.
21. East side of High Street. One and a half story balloon frame house with plain lapped siding, semihexagonal projecting bay. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
22. Southeast corner of High and Spruce Street. Two story, four bay, T-shaped, balloon frame Queen Anne house. Mitered corners with decorative shingle trim. East facing front with two bay central cross gable. Ca. 1890. Contributing.
23. South side Spruce Street, between High and Main. Two story, three bay balloon frame commercial building. Simple Italianate styling. Shed roof with deep overhang and brackets. Original storefront. Ca. 1890. Contributing.

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24. North side Spruce Street, between High and Main. Two story, two bay frame four square house with hipped roof. Central chimney and hipped roof dormer. Ca. 1920. Contributing.
25. North Side Spruce Street, between High and Main. 1930's gable-front residential building. Non-contributing.
26. North Side Spruce Street, between High and Main. Moose Lodge. Non-contributing.
27. East side High Street, between Spruce and Pine. Two story frame house with lapped siding. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
28. East side High Street between Spruce and Pine. Mobile home. Non-contributing.
29. Northwest corner of Evick and High Streets. Two story frame house with aluminum siding. Ca. 1890. Contributing.
30. West side of High Street between Evick and Dogwood Lane. Modern ranch house. Non-contributing.
31. West side of High Street. 2 story three bay frame house. Double center corbeled chimneys, 2/2 windows, lap siding and gable with rear porch enclosed. 1 story front porch with shed roof. Ca. 1880. Contributing.
32. West side of High Street between Pine and Dogwood Lane. Two story frame dwelling with plain lapped siding. Ca. 1890. Contributing.
33. West side of High Street between Pine and Dogwood Lane. Two story balloon frame house with lapped siding. Ca. 1890. Contributing.
34. West side of High Street between Pine and Dogwood Lane. Two story balloon frame house. Ca. 1890. Contributing.
35. North side of High Street. 1 1/2 story brick house. Non-contributing.
36. West side of High Street between Pine and Dogwood Lane. Two story, three bay balloon frame house with central cross gable. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
37. Southeast corner of High and Locust Streets. Two story three bay frame house with interior brick chimneys and plain lapped siding. Ca. 1900. Contributing.

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38. Northeast corner of High and Locust Streets. Two story, three bay frame house with hipped roof and captain's walk, bracketed eaves and projecting dormers. Secondary three bay house to its southeast. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
39. Southeast corner of Dogwood Lane and High Steet. L-shaped, two story frame house with plain lapped siding; carved trim over 2/2 windows; bracketed eaves. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
40. Northeast corner of Dogwood Lane and High Steet. Two story, three bay L-shaped frame house with plain lapped siding. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
41. North side Dogwood Lane between High and Main. Modern house. Non-contributing.
42. East side of High Steet, North of Dyer Avenue. Large Queen Anne style frame house with multiplicity of gables and elaborate porches; polyagonal tower and cast iron cresting on the roof peak. Ca. 1890. Key building.
43. East side of Main Street (US Route 220) opposite Oak Street. Two story three bay, four square frame house with hipped roof and hipped roofed dormers. Ca. 1910. Contributing.
44. East side of Main Street, north of junction with US Route 33. Arco Station. Non-contributing.
45. East side of Main Street at junction with US Route 33. Two story frame house in late Queen Anne style. Covered with plain lapped siding. 1/1 windows. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
46. West side of North Main Steet, opposite junction of US Route 33. Two story, three bay frame four square house with hipped roof and hipped roofed dormers. Covered with plain lapped siding. Ca. 1910. Contributing.
47. West side of Main Street, south of junction with Lee Drive. Two story, three bay L-shaped house, covered with asbestos shingle siding. May be partially of log construction. Exterior brick chimney at north end. Ca. 1870. Contributing.
48. West side of North Main Street (immediately south of #47). Modern brick ranch house. Non-contributing.
49. West side of North Main Street. Late brick bungalow. Non-contributing.

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50. West side of North Main Street (south of #49). L-shaped two story frame, late Queen Anne house with mitered corners. Covered with plain lapped siding. Ca. 1910. Contributing.
51. West side of North Main Street (south of #50). Late brick bungalow. Non-contributing.
52. West side of North Main (south of #51). Modern brick ranch house. Non-contributing.
53. West side of North Main Street (south of #52). Two story L-shaped frame house with plain lapped siding. Bracketed eaves and porch. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
54. West side of North Main Street, north of Dogwood Lane. Large frame Queen Anne style house with multiple gables and elaborate porches. A polygonal tower is located at the northeast corner. Many gables are trimmed with decorative shingles. Ca. 1900. Key building.
55. Northwest corner of Dogwood Lane and N. Main Street. Two story, frame house with Queen Anne features. The main block has a hipped roof with various projecting gables. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
56. East side of North Main Street south of Lee Drive. Two story, three bay L-shaped frame house with interior brick chimneys. It rests on stone foundations and is covered with plain lapped siding. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
57. East side of North Main Street, south of Lee Drive. Two story L-shaped frame house with plain lapped siding and interior chimneys. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
58. East side of North Main Street, south of Lee Drive. Two story, three bay frame house. L-shaped with plain lapped siding. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
59. East side of North Main Street, south of Lee Drive. Two story L-shaped frame house with plain lapped siding. Ca. 1900. Contributing.
60. East side of North Main Street, between Lee Drive and Dogwood Lane. 1940's brick dwelling. Non-contributing.

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61. East side of North Main Street, between Lee Drive and Dogwood Lane. Gable front, two story frame house with simplified Queen Anne features. Mitered corners at front. Ca. 1910. Contributing.
62. East side of North Main Street, north of Dogwood Lane. Two story, three bay four square frame house with hipped roof and hipped roof dormers. 3/1 windows. Ca. 1920. Contributing.
63. East side of North Main Street, north of Dogwood Lane. Two story, three bay log house covered with plain lapped siding. The structure is L-shaped with a central entrance 6/6, windows and small inside end chimneys. Ca. 1875. Contributing.
64. East side of North Main Street, north of Dogwood Lane. 1930's two story brick house. Non-contributing.
65. Northeast corner of Dogwood Lane and North Main Street. One and a half story, three bay frame bungalow with a central entrance. Ca. 1920's. Contributing.
66. Southwest corner of North Main Street and Dogwood Lane. Two story, three bay four square house with a truncated hip roofed dormer and central projecting gabled pavilion. Ca. 1910. Contributing.
67. West side of North Main Street, South of Dogwood Lane. Two story, six bay house, possibly partially of log construction. 2/2 windows. Exterior brick chimney. Ca. 1880. Contributing.
68. West side of North Main Street, South of Dogwood Lane. Modern brick rancher. Non-contributing.
69. Northwest corner of North Main and Locust Streets. Two story frame late Queen Anne style house with a polygonal corner tower and projecting gables. Notable features include decorative cut shingles and fanciful carved trim within the pedimented cross gable of the porch roof. Ca. 1900. Key building.
70. Southeast corner of North Main Street and Dogwood Lane. Two story frame Queen Anne style (with colonial revival features) house with projecting bays and gables. Decorative shingle trim. Ca. 1900. Key building.
71. East side of North Main Street between Dogwood Lane and Locust Street. Two story, three bay frame late Queen Anne style house with semi-hexagonal projecting bays beneath gabled roofs. Ca. 1900. Key building.

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72. Northeast corner of North Main and Locust Streets. Two story, six bay frame double house with a central cross gable. Covered with aluminum siding. Ca. 1910. Contributing.

73. South side of Locust Street between Main and High Streets. Two story, three bay gable-front commercial building, covered with german siding. Ca. 1910. Contributing.

74. South side of Locust between Main and High. C & P Telephone Co. building. Non-contributing.

75. Southwest corner of North Main and Locust Streets. Two story, five bay brick house with flemish bond facade. Added brick cross gable and brick extension at north end. Elaborate carpenter gothic porch and other trim. Ca. 1840. (Additions and trim Ca. 1900) Contributing.

76. West side of North Main Street between Locust and Pine. Western Auto Store. Non-contributing.

77. Northwest corner of North Main and Pine Streets. Pilot building. 1979. Non-contributing.

78. Southeast corner of North Main and Locust Streets. Franklin Methodist Church. One and a half story brick gable front building with projecting entrance bay and decorative corbeled brick trim. Simple Gothic styling. Brick addition at rear begun in 1927. Dated 1882. Contributing.

79. East side of North Main Street, south of the the Methodist Church. Methodist Parsonage. Two story frame house of late Queen Anne style. Multiple projecting gables from hipped roof main block. Ca. 1910. Contributing.

80. East side of North Main Street between Locust and Pine. Pendleton County Bank. New construction. Non-contributing.

81. Northeast corner of North Main and Pine Streets. Post Office. Modern building. Non-contributing.

82. Southwest corner of North Main and Pine Streets. Automobile dealership. Non-contributing.

83. West side of North Main Street between Pine and Spruce Streets. Stone-faced commercial building. Non-contributing.

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84. West side of North Main Street between Pine and Spruce Streets. Two story, three bay commercial building with shed roof. Contributing.

85. West side of North Main Street, between Pine and Spruce Streets. One story brick-faced commercial building. Ca. 1920's. Contributing.

86. West side of North Main Street, between Pine and Spruce Street. Two story brick commercial building. 1940's. Non-contributing.

87. Northwest corner of North Main and Spruce Streets. Brick neoclassical bank building. 1925. Contributing.

88. Spruce Street, northside, west of North Main Street. Two story brick commercial building. Ca. 1940. Non-contributing.

89. Southeast corner, North Main and Pine Streets. One and a half story frame bungalow. Ca. 1940. Non-contributing.

90. East side of North Main Street between Pine and Spruce Streets. Two story, three bay flat roofed commercial building with residential area at second floor and rear. Original storefront. Ca. 1900. Contributing.

91. East side of North Main Street, between Pine and Spruce Streets. Two story, three bay flat roofed commercial building, one of a group of three. Nearly original storefront. Ca. 1900. Contributing.

92. East side of North Main Street, between Pine and Spruce Streets. Third member of a trio of two story, three bay, flat roofed commercial buildings with original or nearly original storefront. Ca. 1900. Contributing.

93. East side of North Main Street, between Pine and Spruce Streets. Three story, three bay brick commercial building with overhanging flat roof. A two story porch across the front has been partially replaced. Projecting vertical panels of brick separate the bays. Ca. 1910. Contributing.

94. East Side of North Main Street, between Pine and Spruce Streets. Two story, four bay stuccoed frame commercial building with second floor in residential use. Brackets trim a flat roof with overhanging eaves. Substantially altered first floor. Ca. 1900. Contributing.

95. Northeast corner, North Main and Spruce Streets. Concrete block two story commercial building with brick facade. Ca. 1950. Non-contributing.

96. Southwest corner, North Main and Spruce Streets. Three story, six bay brick commercial building with rectilinear corbeled trim. Ca. 1920. Contributing.

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97. West side, North Main Street, between Spruce and Walnut. Three story, three bay frame commercial building covered with German siding. Features include an overhanging roof and partially original storefront. Ca. 1910. Contributing.

98. Northwest corner of North Main and Walnut. Three story, five bay brick bank building. Twentieth century eclectic commercial styling. Recessed corner entrances, second story arched windows and corbeling trim the building. Contributing.

99. North side of Walnut Street, west of North Main Street. One story, three bay stone commercial building with parapet roof. Ca. 1920. Contributing.

100. Southeast corner of North Main and Spruce Streets. Three and one half story, brick bank building, with upper false half story consisting of a high three sided parapet. Front cornice with crest inscribed "Farmers Bank." Ca. 1925. Contributing.

101. East side of North Main between Spruce and Walnut Streets. One story modern commercial building. Non-contributing.

102. East side of North Main between Spruce and Walnut Streets. Two story modern commercial building. State Store. Non-contributing.

103. East side of North Main between Spruce and Walnut Streets. Modern commercial building. Non-contributing.

104. Northeast corner of North Main and Walnut Streets. Ford dealership. Non-contributing.

105. Pendleton County Court House, Walnut and Main Streets. Brick Colonial Revival style building. 1924-25. Key building.

106. Northwest corner of South Main and Chestnut Streets. Two story, three bay hip roofed brick house used as jail. Built in four square plan with an extension. It has one over one windows with segmental arched heads. Ca. 1915. Contributing.

County jail

107. **McCoy House. East side of South Main between Walnut and Chestnut Streets. Two story brick Greek Revival house. Listed in the National Register. Key building.

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108. Southwest corner of Chestnut and South Main Streets. Two story, three bay frame four square house with late Queen Anne style features including semi-hexagonal projecting bays and dormers. Ca. 1910. Contributing.

109. West side of South Main Street between Chestnut and Mill Street. Two story, three bay frame four square style house with hipped roof. Features include hip roofed dormers on three faces of the roof. Ca. 1910. Contributing.

110. West side of South Main Street, opposite Mill Street. One and a half story gable front frame house with patterned stucco covering. Shed roofed dormers extend from each side of the roof. Ca. 1925. Contributing.

111. West side of South Main Street, south of Mill Street. Two story, three bay frame house with central front door and two story porch along front. It is covered with lapped siding. The second story may be added to an earlier one story house. Ca. 1900. Contributing.

112. West side of South Main Street, south of Mill Street. One and a half story German sided house, probably of log construction. Ca. 1875. Contributing.

113. East side of South Main Street just south of Chestnut Street. Two story gable front frame store building with false front. Although it is substantially altered, the store front appears to be original. It is covered with lapped siding. Ca. 1890. Contributing.

114. East side of South Main Street, south of Chestnut Street. Two story, three bay brick house with central cross gable. The end walls feature semi-hexagonal projecting bays. There is an elaborate porch with cross gable. 1904. Contributing.

115. East side of South Main Street, south of Chestnut Street. Two story, three bay with plain lapped siding over log construction. An inside end brick chimney replaced any earlier exterior chimney. The second story is possibly a later addition. Ca. 1850. Contributing.

116. East side of South Main Street, north of Mill Street. Two story, one bay, frame late Italianate style commercial building. Flat overhanging roof with bracketed eaves. Ca. 1900. Contributing.

117. Northeast corner of South Main and Mill Street. Two story, three bay frame house with extension to rear. 2/2 windows with central entrance covered with plain lapped siding. Ca. 1910. Contributing.

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118. Southeast corner of South Main and Mill Street. Two story, three bay frame house covered with plain lapped siding. It has small interior brick chimneys and a central entrance. Ca. 1900. Contributing.

119. East side of High Street, south of Chestnut Street. Small one story, three bay frame shop. It is a gable front building covered with plain lapped siding. Contributing.

120. East side of High Street, south of Chestnut Street. Modern building. Non-contributing.

121. West side of High Street, south of Chestnut Street. Two story, three bay frame house with inside end chimneys and a central entrance. It has a bracketed cornice and is covered with lapped siding. Ca. 1900. Contributing.

122. West side of South Branch Street, south of Pine Street. Three story frame warehouse, three bays by four bays. Ca. 1925. Contributing.

123. Southwest corner of South Branch Street and Pine Street. Two story frame warehouse with parapet roof, three bays by four bays. Ca. 1925. Contributing.

124. East side of High Street between Chestnut and Route 220. Two story frame building covered with lapped siding; large frame barn with standing seam roof. Contributing.

125. East side of High Street, north of Route 220. One story frame house with central chimney. Covered with aluminum siding. Contributing.

126. East side of High Street, south of Pine Street. One and a half story, frame house with a cross gable. 6/6 windows. Covered with lapped siding. Shed roofed porch across front. Contributing.

127. East side of High Street at Pine Street. Mobile Home. Non-contributing.

128. West side of High Street, opposite Pine Street. Modern brick fire hall. Non-contributing.

129. West side of High Street, opposite Pine Street. One and a half story frame bungalow covered with lapped siding gabled dormer and 3/1 windows. Contributing.

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130. East side of High Street, north of Locust. One and a half story, three bay log house covered with plain lapped siding. Contributing.

131. West side of High Street, opposite Locust Street. Two story balloon frame house covered with plain lapped siding 2/2 windows. Ca. 1900. Contributing.

132. North side of Locust Street, west of Main Street. Two story stuccoed building. Non-contributing.

133. North side of Locust Street at High Street. Two story, three bay gable front frame building, covered with asbestos shingle siding. Enclosed porch at side. Contributing.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1845-1925	Builder/Architect	N/A
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Meets Criteria A,C

Summary Statement of Significance

The Franklin Historic District is significant architecturally for its fine collection of Queen Anne style residential architecture and its role as the leading commercial and governmental center of Pendleton County. The town was established in 1794 but reflects the general prosperity evident in the South Branch Valley at the turn of the century. The majority of residential buildings are in the Queen Anne style with significant older examples from the early and mid 19th century. The county of Pendleton in what was then Virginia was established in 1788, and at that time a 46 1/2 acre tract was laid out as the site for the courthouse and other public buildings. This tract eventually became the town of Franklin. The present courthouse, a Colonial Revival structure, dates from 1925 and reflects the major rebuilding of the downtown business district after its destruction by fire in 1924. Through its architectural presence showcasing a variety of mid nineteenth through early twentieth century buildings, and its historical importance as the designated seat of Pendleton County since the county was established, Franklin meets both criteria A and C.

Additional Information

When Franklin's original 1/2 acre lots were available for sale in 1788, their price was £ 5. With purchase of a lot came the stipulation that within two years a house at least 16' x 20' had to be built with either a brick or stone chimney. From the survey of Franklin undertaken for this nomination it is impossible to determine whether any of these early buildings might still be in existence. It is likely that some may have been incorporated into existing buildings, or may be retained beneath more recent sheathing.

Today Franklin is a small but active town with a population of approximately 765.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Boggs, Elsie Byrd A History of Franklin. 1960

Morton, Oren F. History of Pendleton County. 1910

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approximately 40

Quadrangle name Franklin WV

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date May 2, 1985

For HCRS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries of the Franklin Historic District are as follows: beginning at a point where an extension of Tuscarora Drive meets Hall's Hill Road near the southwest corner of the city limits; then following the east edge of Hall's Hill Road to the south boundary of the property located at the southwest corner of Boggs Drive (West Court Street); then following said south boundary in a westerly direction to its west boundary then turning northeast and following the west boundary to the south side of Boggs Drive; then following Boggs Drive to the western city limit of Franklin; then following the city boundary in a northerly direction for approximately 200 feet; then turning east and continuing in a line parallel with the south edge of Boggs Drive and approximately 200 feet north of it to meet the west property line of a property facing onto the north side of Boggs Drive; then turning northeast and following said property line along its west, north and east boundaries to meet Boggs Drive at the north edge; then turning east along Boggs Drive to a point just west of its intersection with Hall's Hill Road at the west property line of the property located north of the intersection of Boggs Drive and Hall's Hill Road then turning north along the said property line to intersect with the said lot's north (rear) property line and continuing to its east property line and following it back to Boggs Drive; then following its north edge to the west property line of the property located at the northwest corner of Hall's Hill Road and East High Street; then turning in a northerly direction and continuing to the north property line of the property at the northwest corner of East High and Hall's Hill Road. Then turning east to the east curb line of High Street and proceeding north to Evick Lane; then turning west on the north side of Evick Lane to a point opposite the rear property line of the properties facing onto the west side of High Street; then proceeding in northerly direction along the rear property lines to the intersection with the south boundary of the property located at the southwest corner of Dogwood Lane and High Street; then turning east and continuing along the south property boundary to and across High Street to its east side; then turning in a northerly direction and continuing along the east curb line of High Street to a point approximately 100 feet north of its intersection with Dyer Avenue; then turning east and continuing along property lines in an easterly direction to the west property lines of the properties facing onto North Main Street; then turning north and continuing along the west property lines to the north property line of the property located opposite the point where US Highway 33 turns off to the northeast; then proceeding east along the north boundary to the east curb line of North Main Street; then continuing in a northerly direction to a point opposite the north property boundary of the second property north of the junction of US Routes 220 and 33 on the east side of

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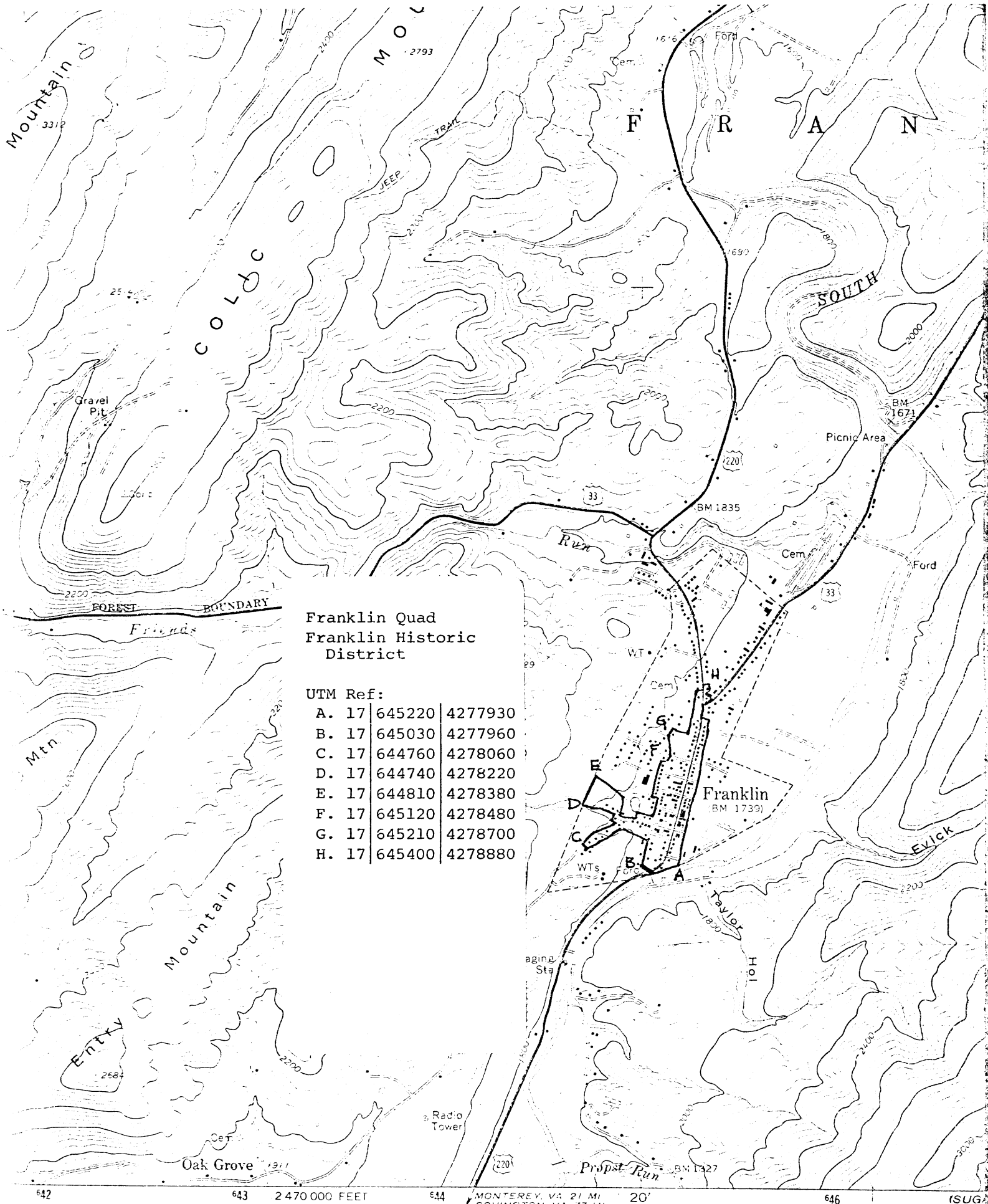
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North Main Street; then turning east and following the said property line to its east border; then turning south along the east boundary to the north boundary of the adjoining property; then following it in an easterly direction to the west margin of US route 33 and following it to its junction with North Main Street; then following the east curb line of North Main Street to and across Lee Avenue; then turning east along the south curbline of Lee Avenue to the west curb line of South Branch Street; then following the west curb line of South Branch Street in a southerly direction to intersect with the city boundary at the south edge of Franklin; then turning west and following the city boundary to the point opposite the eastern boundary of the property located in the wedge formed by the intersection of South Main and High Streets; then following said property line to its north boundary then turning west and continuing in a northerly direction along the east curb line to the south property line of the second property south of Walnut Street; then turning west along the said south property line and continuing in a westerly direction to meet the west property line; then turning south a short distance to a point; then turning southwest across a piece of property to a boundary line shared by multiple properties along Hall's Hill Road and Siox Lane and following said line in a southwesterly direction to the place of beginning.

Boundary Justification

The Franklin Historic District includes a mix of commercial, civic and residential buildings which make up the older area of the town. The commercial section of town is almost exclusively restricted to the two blocks of Main Street north of the courthouse. The remaining area of the district is residential. The boundaries have been drawn to include the older section of town while excluding as many as possible of the non-contributing buildings in Franklin.



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