

Tucker County's National Register of Historic Places Properties

FAIRFAX STONE SITE

Vicinity of Kempton, Maryland

At end of County Road 9/3

Added to National Register: 1970



The Fairfax Stone marks the headwaters of the Potomac River and represents a history going back to the King of England's land grant of 1632 to Lord Baltimore and a grant south of this to

Lord Culpepper in 1688. There have been five Fairfax Stones on this site, marking the oft-disputed north-south boundary between Virginia (later West Virginia) and Maryland. The Fairfax Stone Park is West Virginia's smallest state park and is administered by the WV Division of Natural Resources.

COTTRILL'S OPERA HOUSE, 1902

East Avenue, Thomas

Added to National Register: 1979



This property stands as testament to the boom prosperity experienced in the early twentieth century in Thomas, a coal mining and railroad community in West Virginia's highlands. Built in 1902, it began as an opera house for local and touring live performances, transitioned to a

theater for silent movies, and eventually changed again to a talking picture house. The original intent as a performance venue is being continued by Alpine Heritage Preservation, Inc., which is leading renovation and development efforts.

TUCKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1898,

AND SHERIFF'S RESIDENCE/JAIL, 1896

First and Walnut Streets, Parsons

Added to National Register: 1984



A well-preserved example of late 19th-century public architecture in West Virginia, the county courthouse is an especially

commanding structure in a small town setting. The high degree of architectural and structural integrity revealed in these buildings inform us about the ideals of late 19th century design and construction. Both structures continue to serve as locations for Tucker County government offices.

WESTERN MARYLAND DEPOT, 1888

166½ Main St, Parsons

Added to National Register: 1996



This late-Victorian, stick-style structure was a transportation hub for railroad passengers and commercial goods (mining and lumber-

associated) from Parsons in the late 19th century. The orientation of the freight platform, waiting room doors, and former ticket office points to its association with the former West Virginia Central and Pittsburg Railway line and later, the Western Maryland Railroad. The present day Allegheny Highlands Trail bike path occupies the rail bed.

THOMAS COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT, 1890-1920

East Avenue and Spruce Street, Thomas

Added to National Register: 1998

The Thomas Commercial Historic District is a collection of related properties representing commercial, cultural, and residential life during Thomas's coal and lumber boom years. European-influenced architectural styles include Romanesque Revival, Italianate, and Renaissance Revival. The Tucker County Historic Landmark Commission has developed a self-guided tour brochure with interpretive signs and companion website.

ST. GEORGE ACADEMY, 1885

County Road 1, St. George

Added to National Register: 2001



Built in 1885, this two-story frame structure was a center of teacher training and local education for decades. The St. George Academy building is an excellent example of an older school building in Tucker County, and one of the only school buildings with this plan in the state

of West Virginia. The exterior and interior retain their original material in high integrity representing the best of the architectural and construction techniques from the era in which it was built. This building is utilized as a local history museum and maintained by the St. George Foundation.

HERMAN A. MEYER HOUSE, 1891
287 Thomas Avenue, Davis
Added to National Register: 2009



This gabled house was built by the Davis Coal and Coke Company as the home for its superintendent. In 1898 the Late Victorian style residence was

acquired by Herman A. Meyer, beginning its long association with the Meyer family. Presently the house is operated as bed and breakfast.

TUCKER COUNTY BANK BUILDING, 1901

100 Walnut Street, Parsons

Added to National Register: 2010



The center of Parsons business enterprises from its earliest days, the Tucker County Bank was the first bank in the area. This building's history illustrates the development of commerce in this mountain community. The three-story building displays elements of the Romanesque Revival

style of architecture. The current owner is the Parsons Revitalization Organization, Inc.

DAVIS COAL & COKE COMPANY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 1900
570 Douglas Road, Thomas
Added to National Register: 2011



The Davis Coal and Coke Company administration building, built in 1900, was the center of field operations for the Company

(and its successors) until 1950. The two-story brick structure also housed the engineering department, where regional mines were planned, designed, and managed. The City of Thomas is the current owner of this property.



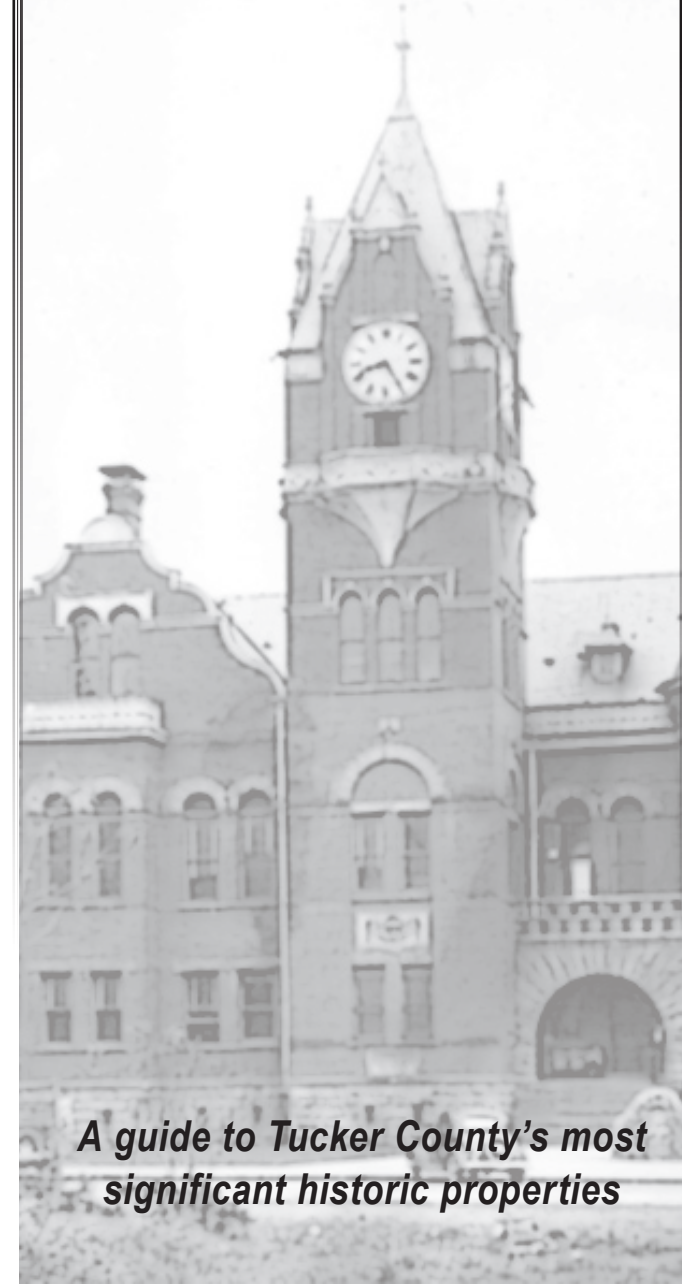
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*to encourage the protection of the county's
historic resources by building an awareness of
their significance in local, state,
and national history.*

The organization works to identify and document eligible properties, designate and recognize properties according to their significance, and promote their educational and economic use for the benefit of the citizens of Tucker County.

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***A guide to Tucker County's most
significant historic properties***