

# Known Historic Flood Heights at Various Locations in Marlinton, WV

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## Former Hanover Shoe Factory – Now called the ARC Building

Address 300 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Marlinton WV

GPS Coordinates **lat** 38.228338° **lon** -80.090215° **elev** 2129 ft

### 1985 Flood

It has been reported that the building had 3 inches of water in it during the 1985 Flood. This measures to 51 inches above ground level. Measured at the back delivery docks.

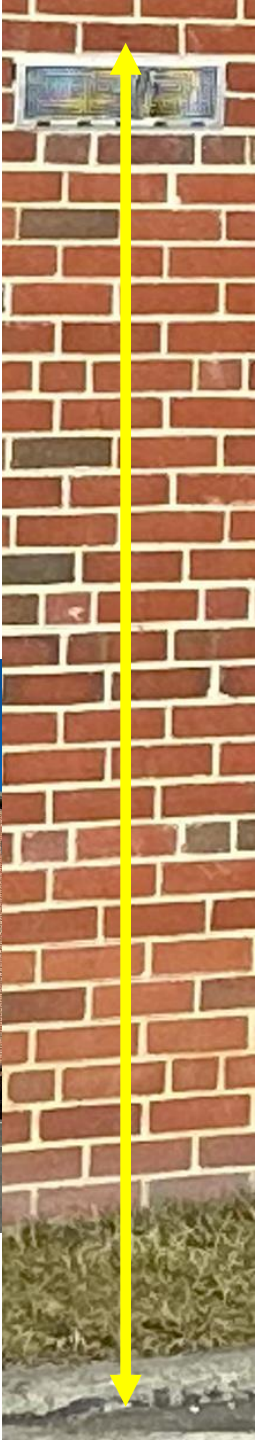


# Marlinton Fire House / Municipal building

Address 709 2nd Ave Marlinton, WV

GPS Coordinates **lat 38.224019° lon -80.093855° elev 2129 ft**

**1985** flood height was 84 inches above ground level as indicated by the blue historical flood height marker, which is 8 inches above the top of the brick ledge. I traced that height around to the parking lot shared with the bank. That put the watermark at a half a brick above the wall vent. I measured from that down to the grass and got 82 inches and then measured another 2 inches from the grass to the asphalt parking lot for the curb height. Total equals 84 inches.



## Marlinton Methodist Church

Address 806 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Marlinton WV

GPS Coordinates **lat 38.220614° lon -80.092034° elev 2128 ft**

Measured from the **1985** blue historical marker to street level. Flood height 90 inches above ground level at the street directly in front of the marker.



## Former Pocahontas Times office

Address 810 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave & McNeil Ln Marlinton WV

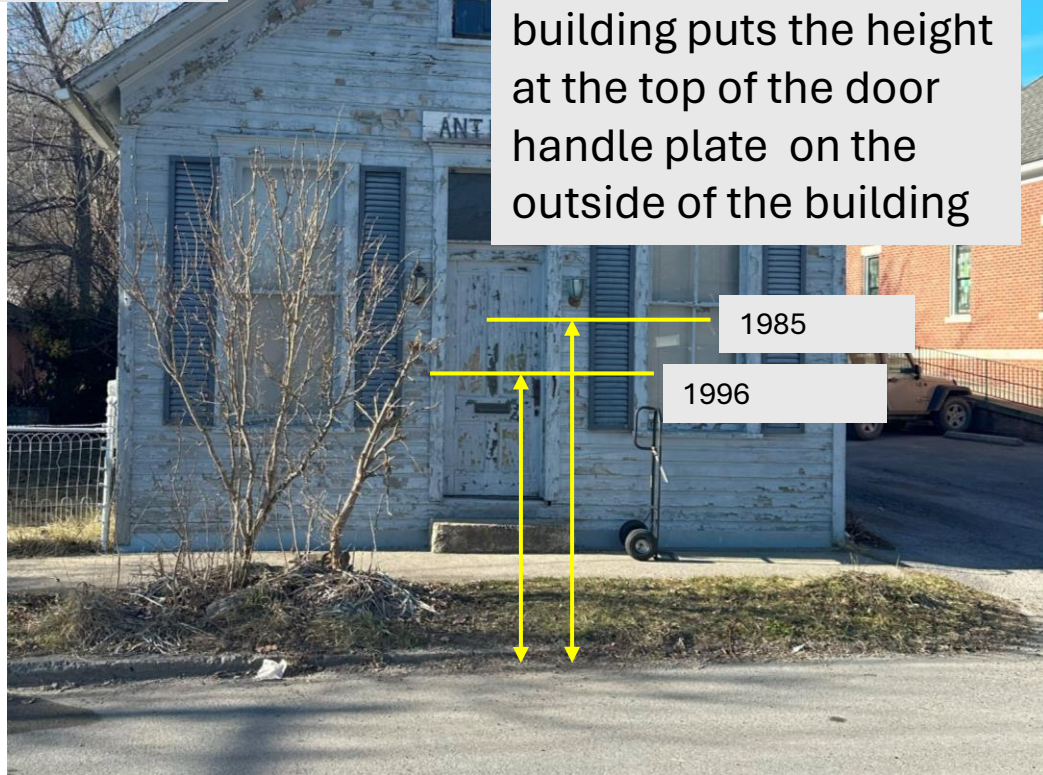
GPS Coordinates

lat 38.223240° lon -80.094957° elev 2128 ft

Both flood heights were measured from the historical marker just inside the door to the floor of the building, then from the floor of the building as seen at the top of the steps to the grass and then from the grass down the curb height to the street level directly in front of the building

**1985** 79 inches above ground level of street directly in front of the building

**1996** 57 inches above ground level of street directly in front of the building



1985 Flood marker on the inside of the building puts the height at the top of the 8 in the address on the outside of the building

1996 Flood marker on the inside of the building puts the height at the top of the door handle plate on the outside of the building



## Former Richardson's Hardware Building – Now Named Rivertown Shops (interior has not been remodeled)

Address 309 8th St Marlinton, WV 24954

GPS Coordinates **lat 38.223033° lon -80.093049° elev 2128 ft**

**1985** flood height silver historical marker says 6' 4" which is accurate (76 inches) above the building's hardwood floor. There is a 10 inch rise from the street outside the door up to the floor of the store. Total height equals 86 inches above ground level at the street just outside the door.

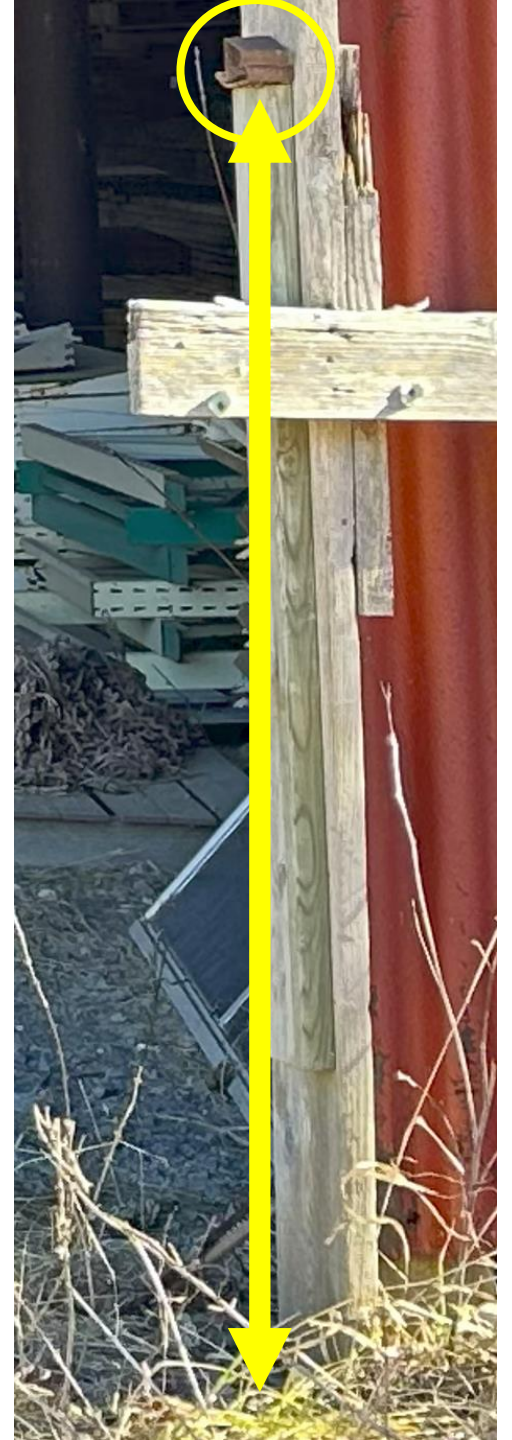


## Old Glades ACE Hardware Sheds

Address N/A

GPS Coordinates **lat 38.237370° lon -80.087056° elev 2135 ft**

**1996** flood level was described to me by ACE Sales Associate. Damage to boards can be seen from ground level up to appx 53 inches above ground level. See photo. 53 inch height is shown by the piece of metal I placed on the 2x4 in the doorway.



There is no **1985** mark at this site. The new ACE Hardware was being built at the current Walgreens site. The Old ACE was across from the opera house in 1985. They had to clean up both the site across from the opera house and the new site being built at current Walgreens site. The sheds were not built yet in 1985. After the 1996 flood, the new Ace Hardware was moved from the Walgreens site to across the road where it currently stands.

## **Liquors And More Store – NOT YET CHECKED**

Address US-219 Marlinton, WV 24954

GPS Coordinates **lat 38.234575° lon -80.089714° elev 2134 ft**

I have been told there is a historical flood marker at this site. Let me know if it would be of value to you. I am not sure if it is a 1985 or 1996 marker.



## Marlinton DOH Building on Rt 219 – Not Yet Provided

Address

GPS Coordinates

lat 38.238306° lon -80.087738° elev 2138 ft

Evelyn Hollinsworth and Josh dilly – said they will email me with pictures and measurements of flood height if any current or former employees can tell them how deep it was in the building. Building was constructed in 1940. Evelyn says the structure flooded to 18 inches in **2016**, but it was due to bridge construction up Stony Creek which blocked the stream. Eventually the ponded water washed out the entire, partially completed culvert sending a torrent of water down the stream and into their building as it backed up behind a small bridge adjacent to their building. Otherwise, 2016 flood damage in Marlinton was focused around the portion of town on the Knapp Creek side. Including the old BOE building – set to be torn down Spring/Summer 2024.

## **Pocahontas Center – Nursing Home – Not Yet Provided**

Address Pocahontas Center, 5 Everett Tibbs Road, Marlinton, WV 24954

GPS Coordinates

lat 38.218810° lon -80.093218° elev 2134 ft

I have asked, but not made contact with staff at the Pocahontas Center (nursing home) to see if anyone knows of a historical flood marker at that building. I can keep tracking this down if would be beneficial to the study.