

Washington County Historical Museum Existing Conditions Report



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685 Seventh Street- Chipley, FL 32428

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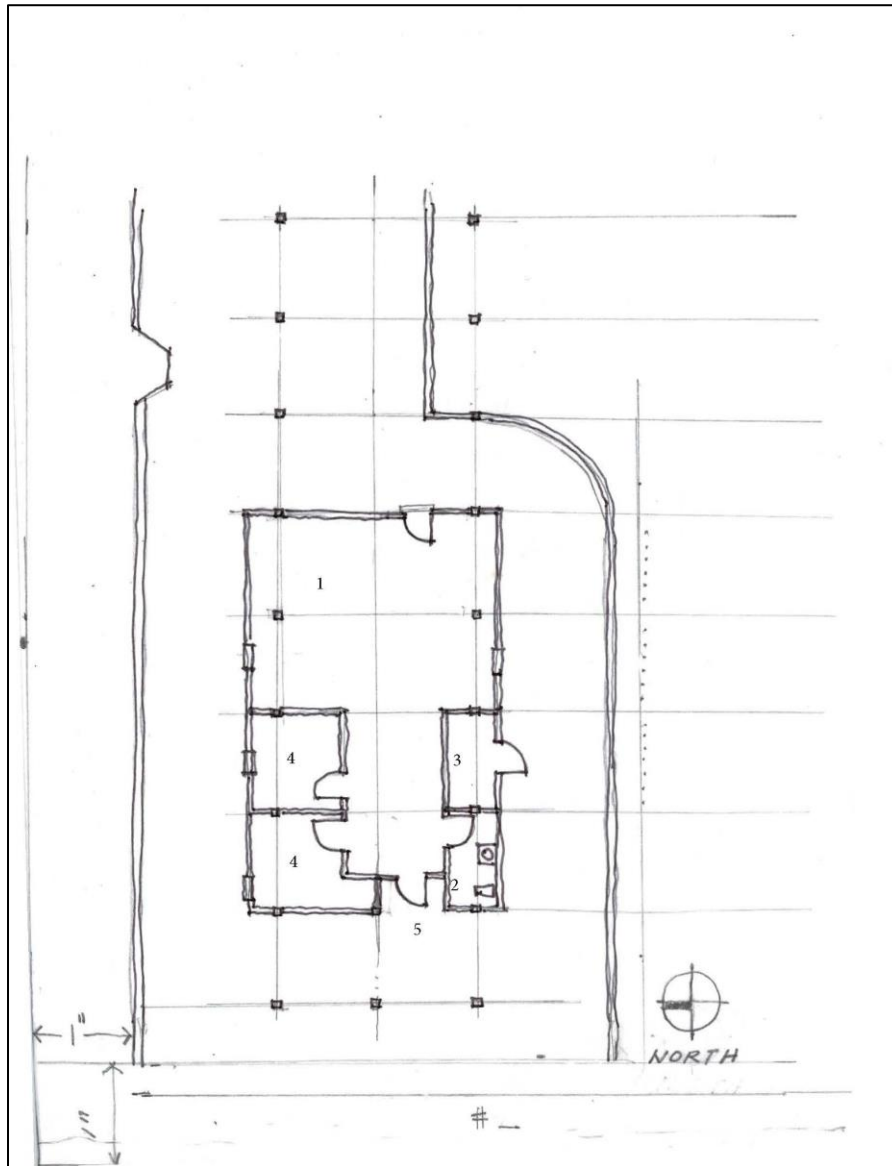
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Expansion Needs - Photo 1

Local Artist Frank Roberts painted this original mural scene on the GWB of the East Wall of the Museum. Washington County was the country's largest producer of Naval Stores and Turpentine at one time. This industry was a significant part of the economy and cultural history of Washington County; as such, the mural will be maintained as part of any future changes/expansions. As you can see by the surrounding displays, expanding the Museum would make more room to relocate some of the items in front so visitors can fully appreciate the mural. See the proposed addition diagram on the following page.

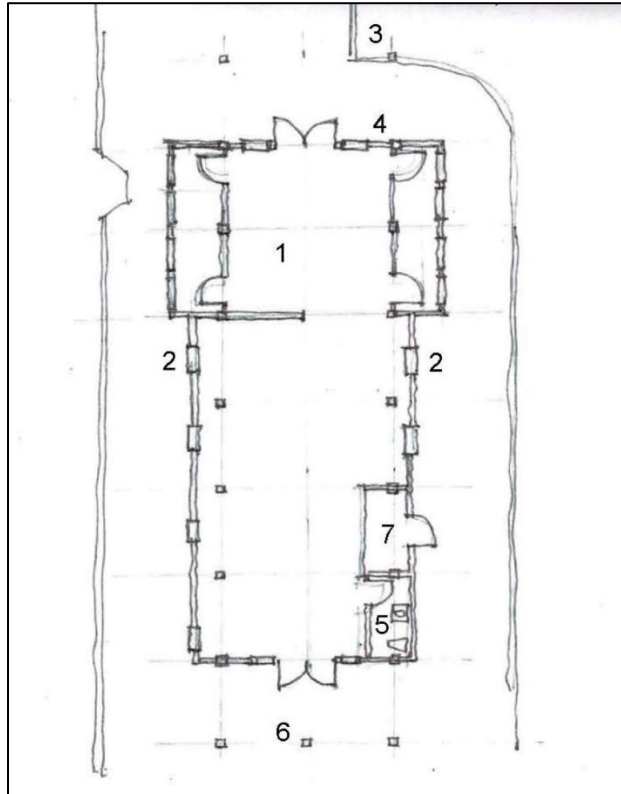
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Existing Facility – 1040 S.F. Conditioned Space

1. Local Artist Frank Roberts wall mural to remain.
2. Upgrade existing restroom to current accessibility standards.
3. Mechanical Room to remain, upgrade obsolete equipment.
4. Remove interior non load bearing partitions.
5. Replace, single door with double doors.
6. Replace, single door with double doors and provide H.C. Ramp.

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Proposed Addition with Improvements

1. Approximate 930 S.F. addition with flanking storage rooms.
2. Add windows to match existing.
3. Relocate Handicapped Parking Space.
4. Add Ramp.
5. Upgrade existing Restroom to current accessibility standards.
6. Provide double doors at entry.
7. Upgrade Mechanical and Electrical.

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Expansion Needs - Photo 2

This corner of the museum is staged to illustrate the importance that the Railroad played in the growth of Chipley in the late 1800s. With an expanded footprint, the model of the original train station could be viewed on all sides, and this display could be developed with room to move closer to see the pictures, maps, documents, etc.

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Expansion Needs - Photo 3

Certain items displayed outside could be moved inside and suspended higher up if the acoustical ceiling was removed. This extra volume of space would not only improve and increase the display space but would enhance visitors' experience. As this picture indicates, many of the items displayed currently could be placed higher up on the walls, expanding the floor space.

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Expansion Needs - Photo 4

This photograph is one of (2) existing small rooms that were part of the 1989 facility. We recommend removing these (2) existing non-load-bearing interior walls to open up and create a space to accommodate and orient visitors, children, school groups, etc. The current displays will be relocated to the expanded area of the museum. We also recommend that the current single door be moved to the center of the front façade and that (2) doors with a glass transom overhead be designed to accommodate large groups further and to improve visibility, accessibility, and invitation to visitors/guests.

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Expansion Needs - Photo 5

Both the front and rear of the Museum have display pieces mounted up high and protected with chicken wire to prevent birds from roosting. These display pieces mounted up high and protected could be included inside an expanded museum to protect them from the elements and improve their enjoyment by visitors who wish to see them up close.

The original 1989 plans had double doors at the entry instead of the current single door. We propose to provide the double doors again with more windows at the front entry as indicated by the sketch in the following page.

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Proposed Entry Elevation Changes – 685 Seventh Street. Chipley, FL 32422

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Accessibility - Photo 6

The following items were noted as potential issues that could impede full restroom use and should be verified/changed/corrected.

1. The toilet should be 17"-19" from the floor to the seat.
2. The existing vertical grab bar does not meet the accessibility code. Grab bars are required on the rear and side walls by the toilet.
3. The toilet paper dispenser is not ADA-compliant.

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Accessibility - Photo 7

The following items were noted as potential issues that could impede full restroom use and should be verified/changed.

1. The sink must be 19" wide x 17" deep minimum. The existing sink appears too small.
2. All piping under the sink must be insulated.
3. The top of the sink should be mounted at 34" to the top above the finish floor.
4. The faucets should be able to operate with one hand.
5. The soap dispenser is not located within the reach range of the sink.

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Accessibility - Photo 8

The following items were noted as potential issues that could impede full restroom use and should be verified/changed.

1. Provide a lever handle for the door.
2. The door must have a self-closing device.
3. Place Accessible Sign outside the door on the right side with Raised Letters 48" min. to 60" max. above the finish floor.

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Improved Accessibility - Photo 9

This picture illustrates the existing door on the East Wall of the Museum that the staff would like to make accessible. Please note the following items to provide/verify;

1. The door opening must be 32" clear, although double doors are requested for improved accessibility, accommodation of large groups, movement of traveling displays, etc.
2. The door must have a lever handle.
3. A small ramp is required to access the 3" – 4" curb.
4. The threshold cannot be more than ½" tall.
5. Add Accessible Sign.
6. Provide a self-closing door device.

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Accessibility - Photo 11

The original drawings for the facility illustrated double doors at the front entry to the facility instead of the current single door. Besides improving accessibility, the wider doors will help accommodate larger groups, access for traveling displays as well as helping staff move items inside.

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Accessibility - Photo 11

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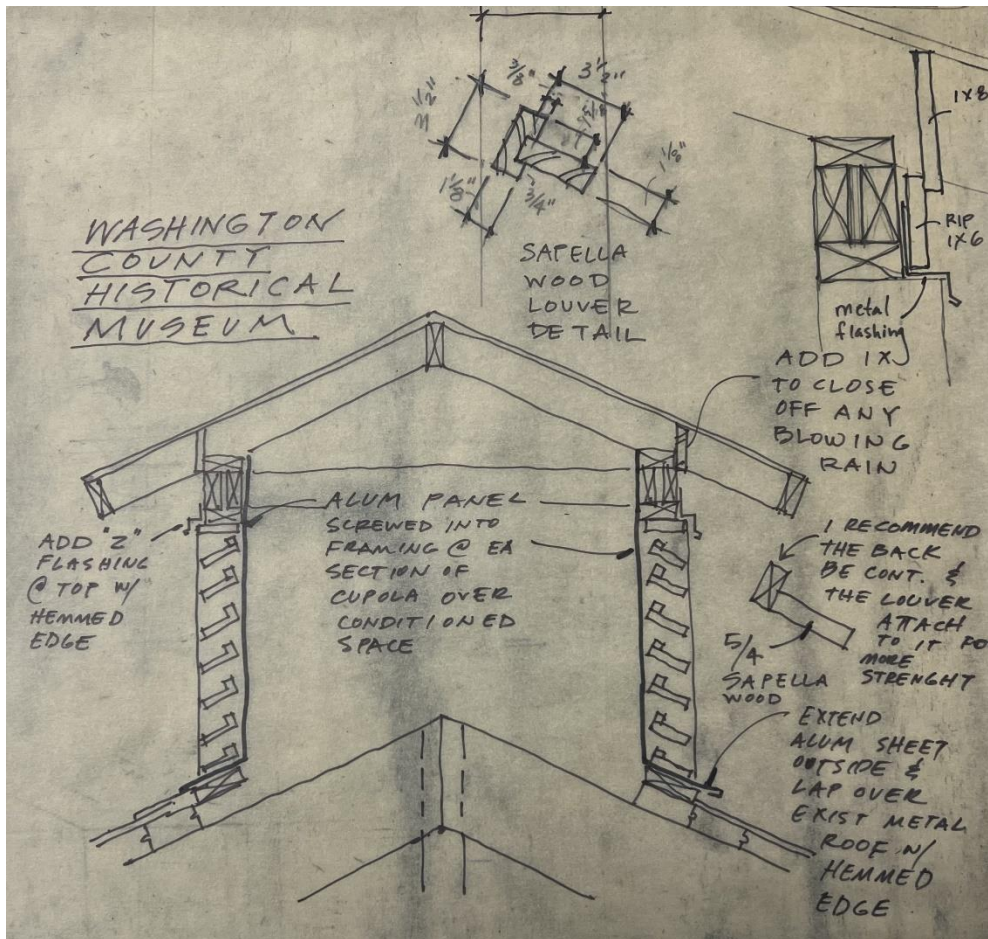


Storm Hardening and General Maintenance - Photo 12

The following comments apply to the exterior and are typical throughout the facility.

1. Prep Roof Panels for New Paint. Replace missing attachment screws and re-tighten existing loose screws, this is a maintenance task.
2. Repaint the Roof Panels. Remove all obsolete and abandoned communication disk. Patch all penetrations into the roof panels. This task is to extend the life of the roof.
3. Repair all damaged louvers in the Center Cupola and repaint them. Ensure all sections of the Cupola over-conditioned space below are sealed from blowing rain entry. Repaint Cupola metal roof.

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Louver Replacement

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Storm Hardening and General Maintenance - Photo 13

The following comments apply to the exterior and are typical throughout the facility.

1. Pressure wash all paved surfaces of the facility.
2. Inspect all wood trim and bead board wainscoting for damage and repair/replace as required. Prep and paint all exterior wood surfaces.
3. Replace all rusted exterior hanging light fixtures. Consider LED fixtures for replacement.

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Storm Hardening and General Maintenance- Photo 14

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2. Repaint the Roof Panels.
3. Repair all damaged louvers in the Center Cupola and repaint them. Ensure all sections of the Cupola over-conditioned space below are sealed from blowing rain entry. Repaint Cupola.

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Storm Hardening and General Maintenance- Photo 15

The following comments apply to the exterior and are typical throughout the facility.

1. Roof Repainting. We recommend that the Metal Roof for the Farmers Market be changed to a red color to resemble the Old Railroad Train Station
2. Pressure wash all paved surfaces of the facility.
3. All woodwork prep and repaint.
4. Inspect inside the attic to ensure the interior space is closed off from any potential blowing rain into the Gable End Louvers. Inspect the louvers and repair/replace and repaint them.

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Storm Hardening and General Maintenance- Photo 16

The following comments apply to the exterior and are typical throughout the facility.

1. Pressure wash and prep the bottom of the wood roof decking and apply a coat of semi-transparent stain if you wish to have a cleaner, more uniform appearance.
2. Prep and paint the exposed woodwork, including beams, louvers, etc.
3. Replace the rusted exterior lighting typical.