

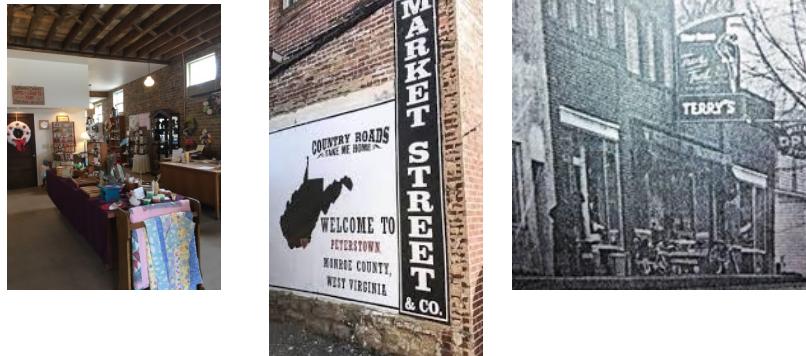
Monroe County Historical Society

The Old Terry Store

During the early 1900s, E.I. Terry was an influential leader in the Peterstown community. His initial two wooden stores, situated on Rt. 219 Market Street, were destroyed by fire. In 1937, he rebuilt a brick and masonry structure on the same location. The main floor of the Terry Company Store displayed sewing notions and material, home furnishings, clothing, hats, etc. Poll Parrot shoes were sold from the upstairs balcony. School children visited the west unit to get their supplies and try out new toys. The east unit housed McClean's Drug Store, compete with the soda fountain and a place to visit after school. On March 17, 2016, Peterstown area residents organized a 501(c)3 named the Peterstown Preservation Group, Inc. with the mission of saving the historic structure. The E. I. Terry Company Store building was purchased with the assistance of First National Bank, Peterstown, a USDA grant and the generosity of many donors and renamed Market Street & Co. The facility is being repurposed as a community center for economic development, cultural and historical preservation, and tourism.

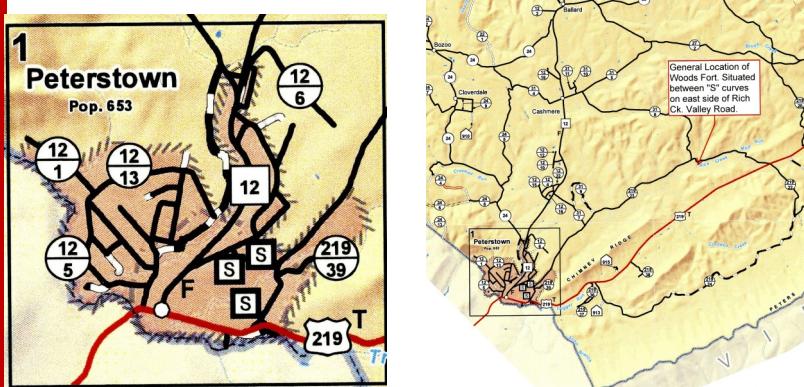
Market Street & Co. serves all segments of the population in Peterstown and southern Monroe County and maintains a strong relationship with local schools, community groups, and the Town of Peterstown. The Greenbrier Valley Women's Fund awarded funds to offer seminars and workshops for women on entrepreneurship, expanding job skills, employment opportunities, educational resources, money management, and related issues.

Appalachian Arts & Gifts, provides a consignment sales outlet for over 35 local artisans and crafts people. A Saturday Farmers Market is the newest venture offering local produce and food products.



July 2020 Quarterly Meeting Canceled

We had hoped to be able to gather at the **Old Terry Store in Peterstown** for our July quarterly . The pandemic has not gone away however, so in the interests of keeping our community safe, here are maps and information about two great sites to explore on your own, the second one being **Woods Fort**.



Woods Fort

The Woods Fort site was donated to the Historical Society by John H. Allen in 1971. It is an unmarked site off Rich Creek Road, 1.6 miles from the eastern junction with Route 219, and about 4 miles from Peterstown. The right-of-way is opposite the end of Adair Road and along the western side of the fence line of the A. Dillon home and 100 yards to the rear. The site is an obvious defensive site because the ground falls away steeply on three sides as Rich Creek undercuts the 50 foot high bluff.

The fort was part of a defensive network along the western margin of the Allegheny Mountains built by the Militia in the summer of 1774 at the urging of colonial Governor Dunmore. The relationship with the Native American Indians was deteriorating and eventually this led to Dunmore's War at Point Pleasant on the Ohio River in October. The fort was garrisoned by a company organized by Captain Michael Woods in 1774 and served as a layover point for troops on the way to Lewisburg to join the army of Andrew Lewis. During the American Revolution the British occupied the Ohio Valley and encouraged the Indians to attack the settlements along the New and Greenbrier Rivers, and so the forts served as Militia bases and safe harbors for the settlers during this period.

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