

# Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission

## Landmarks Nomination Report: *Duffields Depot*

### Physical Description:

Duffields Depot is located in central Jefferson County in the hamlet of Duffields, West Virginia.

### Historic Description:

Built in 1839, Duffields Depot is the second oldest existing railroad depot in the United States. Richard Duffield built the depot that also served as a house for the B&O stationmaster. A frame addition was added to store rail cargo. The depot was in use until 1882 when a new station was built.

Duffields Depot has been nominated for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

### Historic Resources:

The Duffields Depot is a southfacing, 2 bay structure built of native limestone. The building sits between the B&O tracks and Melvin Road. The depot has a frame addition on the west gable that is in deteriorated condition.

### Nomination Criteria:

The JCHLC nominates this property under Criteria A and C for inclusion on the list of registered county landmarks. Criteria A states that a site may be nominated if, in the opinion of the Landmarks Commission, it is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. Criteria C states that a site may be nominated if, in the opinion of the JCHLC, it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values. Owners, Duffields Depot, Inc, have agreed to have the property listed as Jefferson County Historic Landmark.

### Nomination Action:

The JCHLC voted unanimously to add Duffields Depot, under Criteria A and C, to the rolls of registered Jefferson County Historic Landmarks on May 17, 2007.