

sioners to issue bonds for the purchase of a convenient lot and the construction of a courthouse and jail subject to the approval of the electorate of the County.⁶ The issue was presented on the ballot at the congressional election of November 1904 and must have failed of a majority since nothing further is heard of it. Another bill providing for a bond issue of \$75,000 for the same purpose was passed at the next session of the General Assembly.⁷ This time the voters at the ensuing November election approved, and the work was undertaken shortly thereafter. A more convenient location was chosen, and the contractor W. A. Liller of Keyser, West Virginia completed the building for the contract sum of \$60,692 by November 23, 1908. The architect was J. Riley Gordon.⁸ There have been no important changes since that time.

⁶ Ch. 471, Acts of 1904.

⁷ Ch. 788, Acts of 1906.

⁸ Some of this information is from a communication of Oc-

tober 17, 1957, of the Honorable Vernie R. Smouse, Register of Wills of Garrett County. I am indebted for additional information of Miss Elizabeth J. West, of Oakland, Md.