

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: West Virginia	
COUNTY: Greenbrier	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
FFB 23 1977	

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
(Greenbrier County Library and Museum)

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
\* Supreme Court Library Building

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Route 60, West and Courtney Drive

CITY OR TOWN:  
Lewisburg

STATE: West Virginia      CODE: 54      COUNTY: Greenbrier      CODE: 025

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
City of Lewisburg

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Lewisburg

STATE:  
West Virginia

CODE:  
54

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Office of the Clerk of Greenbrier County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Lewisburg

STATE:  
West Virginia

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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
None

DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

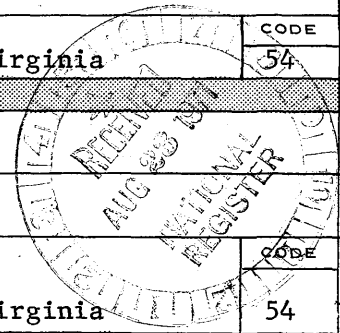
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a two story brick, locally fired, located to the southwest of the Thomas Edgar survey for the town of Lewisburg. Erected in 1834 by James Frasier as a Law library and study for the jurors, judges and attorneys of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia.

The entrance on the North side of the building opens into a large room with twin fireplaces on the east end facing two wide doors on the west end of the room. These open into a smaller room which has similar fireplaces on the western side of this smaller room. From this smaller room a door leads to a rear hall with an outside entrance on the north.

The stairway to the second floor is located on the south side of the small hallway at the west end of the building.

The second floor is one large room except for a small hallway and the top landing of the stairway.

Inasmuch, as this hallway and stairwell section of the building is not "tied-in" with the original brick, it would seem that this is a later addition, enclosing the stairway to the second floor.

Each fireplace is adorned with large mantels and the walls are lined with shelves.

The condition of the building is excellent, now being occupied by the Greenbrier County Library and Museum.

The general architectural style is that common to Virginia of this period of History.

In the period of restoration a section of the original wall was not painted or disturbed because it showed the names and dates of several Civil War soldiers who were either billeted here or who were patients in the building when it served as a military hospital.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century  
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1834 to present

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric         | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture         | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture        | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce            | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications      | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation        |   |   | _____                                    |

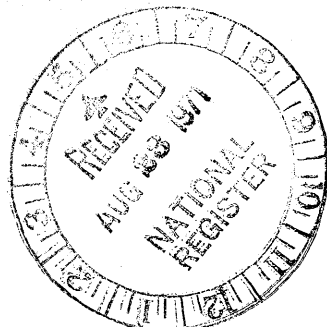
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On April 8, 1831, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia decreed that an annual session of the Supreme Court of Appeals be held in Lewisburg, Greenbrier County to serve the increasing population west of the mountains. The first session was held on August 1, 1831. Lewisburg, being such a great distance from Richmond, was not too well equipped with references to the law except that which the attorneys brought with them. So it was that the jurors persuaded a Mr. John Frasier, who operated a nearby in, to erect a building to serve as a Law library and study. This was leased to the State of Virginia until the court sessions ended in 1864.

All law books were removed to Richmond at this time and for several years the building was occupied by the Masonic Lodge. Their charter still hangs on the museum wall, dated 1796.

The Greenbrier College for Women came in ownership and, in 1935, the College Trustees deeded it to the town to be used as a library and museum, as it is today.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Dayton, Ruth Woods, Lewisburg Landmarks, Education Foundations, Inc., Charleston, West Virginia, 1957.
2. Dayton, Ruth Woods, Greenbrier Pioneers and Their Homes, West Virginia Publishing Co., Charleston, West Virginia, 1942.
3. Van Sickler, Harry, "The Greenbrier County Library and Museum," a booklet, 1942.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		37°	48'	<del>12</del> 01"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		80°	26'	49"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/2 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: C. Doyle Kester, Research Field Agent		
ORGANIZATION W.Va. Antiquities Commission	DATE June 19, 1970	
STREET AND NUMBER: Old Mountainlair, WVU		
CITY OR TOWN: Morgantown	STATE West Virginia	CODE 54

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Dallas B. Shaffer</u> Dallas B. Shaffer</p> <p>Title <u>State Liaison Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>July 26, 1971</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lucretia A. Connolly</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation <b>FEB 23 1972</b></p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>Jan. 17, 1972</u></p>
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