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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
*OLD* Ozaukee County Courthouse  
AND/OR COMMON  
Ozaukee County Courthouse

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
109 West Main Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
9th

CITY, TOWN  
City of Port Washington

VICINITY OF

STATE  
Wisconsin 53074

CODE  
55

COUNTY  
Ozaukee

CODE  
089

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Ozaukee County  
STREET & NUMBER  
109 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN  
Port Washington

VICINITY OF

STATE  
Wisconsin 53074

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Ozaukee County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER  
109 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN  
Port Washington

STATE  
Wisconsin 53074

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Wisconsin's Historic Preservation Plan: Volume II, The Inventory

DATE  
1975  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
State Historical Society of Wisconsin

CITY, TOWN  
Madison STATE  
Wisconsin 53706

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ozaukee County Courthouse, built in 1902, is a late example of the Richardsonian Romanesque style. The principal building material is gray, rock-faced limestone from the near-by Cedarburg quarry, hand-tooled with a chisel and laid in randomly alternating bands of narrow and wide blocks. The architectural trim is smooth-faced Bedford, Indiana limestone. The roof is covered with Pennsylvania slate.

This hipped-roof structure is two-and-one-half stories high with the main facade facing north. This facade is symmetrical in design. A central square bell-tower projects a few inches out from the facade and rises to a height of five stories. It features large, open, semicircular arches at the fourth-story level surmounted by clock faces on each side. Above this a golden eagle crowns a pyramidal spire with an octagonal turret at each corner. The tower is flanked on both sides by parapet-gabled corner pavilions, with first floor rectangular windows and second floor round-arched windows set in two story reveals. In each gable is a window motif consisting of three round-arched lancets joined by stringcourses.

The secondary facade is on the east. Here the central motif is a projecting parapet-gabled pavilion which also has an arcade of three round-arched lancets in the gable. Below, on the second story level, three joined round-arches echo the gable motif, except in this case the central window is a bit higher than those flanking it. A similar configuration was used by Richardson twenty-five years earlier in his design for the much-publicized Trinity Church.

Both the north and east facades have central entrance porches. Massive corner piers are constructed of rock-faced masonry with monolithic inner piers of the smooth Bedford stone. Ionic volutes and acanthus decorate the capitals. Above a rock-faced frieze on each porch is a wooden modillioned cornice surmounted by a very heavy smooth-stone balustrade. The porch on the north side has been glazed. A modern one-story passage across the front of the northwest pavilion connects the north porch with the large four-story wing which was added to the west in 1969, and is of unexceptional contemporary design. For purposes of this nomination, this addition is not considered to be significant. Its future demolition would not cause an adverse effect upon the original building.

The interior of the courthouse features paneled oak wainscoting and a monumental oak staircase with turned balusters. The ceiling above the stairwell is painted in pastel tones with a classically-draped female figure in a roundel of stars. The offices have been renovated somewhat through the years.

The Ozaukee County Courthouse stands imposingly elevated above the street near the center of Port Washington, and is surrounded by trees and many of the same buildings which were there when it was built.



# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Fred Graf," The Milwaukee Journal, April 29, 1938, p. 8.

Ubbink, Anna and Viola, letter to State Historical Society of Wisconsin, August 15, 1975; and interviews on December 8, 1975 and December 11, 1975.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

UTM REFERENCES

A	16	429440	4804090
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Katherine E. Hundt

ORGANIZATION

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

December 19, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

816 State Street

TELEPHONE

608-262-2970

CITY OR TOWN

Madison

STATE

Wisconsin 53706

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

S.H.P.O. Signature

*James Norton Smith*

TITLE

Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

1/29/76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ACCEDE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

12/12/96

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

4-01-76