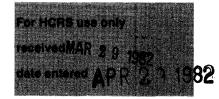
United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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

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historic	FOHS HALL				
and/or common	Same				
2. Loca	ation				
street & number	143 North Wal	ker St.	N	A not for publication	
city, town ^M	arion	NAvicinity of	congressional district	1	
state Kentuc	ky 42064	code 021 county	Crittenden	code 055	
3. Clas	sification				
Category district _X building(s) structure site object	Ownership _X public private both Public Acquisition NA in process being considered	yes: restricted	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence religious scientific transportation other:Community	Center
4. Own	er of Prop	perty			
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street & number	FOHS HALL, IN 143 N. Walker		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
city, town	Marion	_ <u>NA</u> vicinity of	state	Kentucky 42064	
5. Loca	ation of Le	egal Description	on		
courthouse, regi	stry of deeds, etc.	CRITTENDEN COUNTY CO	URTHOUSE		
street & number		Main Street			
city, town		Marion	state	Kentucky 42064	
6. Rep	resentatio	on in Existing	Surveys		
title Survey	y of Historical	Sites in Ky. has this pro	perty been determined eig	egible?yes _Xno	
date 1981	L		federal stat	e county local	
depository for su	irvey records	Kentucky Heritage Comm	ission		
city, town	Frankfort		state	Kentucky	

7. Description

Condition

____ excellent ____ deteriorated ____ good ____ ruins ____ fair ____ unexposed Check one _____X original site

_moved date

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Check one

<u>x</u> unaltered

altered

Fohs Hall is located in the heart of the commercial district of Marion (Pop. 3,500), a small community situated in the western part of the state. The structure is on a l½-acre grassed lot, facing North Walker Street, with grounds extending to the rear to North College Street. Its prominent location combined with the large scale of the building and its attractive neo-classical style make the structure the most recognized architectural landmark in Marion.

The two-story brick building is constructed on a limestone foundation. The major stylistic feature of the front (north) facade is the recessed center bay, capped by a projected stone pediment supported by four fluted Corinthian columns. There is a window at each level to the side of the recessed entrance. The first floor windows are hooded and separated from the upper bays by a panel composed of brick in a herringbone pattern with a stone disc in the middle. The windows on the end walls of the main block have jack arches with keystones. Other classical elements characterizing the building include stone quoins, stone cornice and parapet end walls.

The rear addition (original to the main block) has four arched windows on the east and west walls separated by pilasters. These walls are further adorned by a stone cornice with brick corbeling directly underneath.

The interior of the building includes a large central hall with double doors leading to a room on each side. There are stairwells on both the north and south sides. Directly at the end of the central hall are two sets of double doors leading into an auditorium which, including the balcony, has a five hundred seat capacity. No significant alterations have been made to the original exterior or interior appearance of the building.

Significance

Period prehistoric 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799 1800–1899 1900–	Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric archeology-historic agriculture architecture art commerce communications	community plant conservation economics education engineering	ninglandscape architecture religion lawscience literaturesculpture militaryX_social/ music humanitarian lementphilosophytheater politics/governmenttransportation other (specify))
Specific dates	1926	Builder/Architect	Builder: J. N. Boston & Sons, Marion, Architect: Frankel & Curtis, Lexington	. Ку. 1, Ку.

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Fohs Hall, located in the rural community of Marion in western Kentucky, is a local landmark both in terms of its historic function and architecture. It has been dedicated to the educational and cultural advancement of area residents since its construction in The structure also represents the most important architectural example dating to 1926. the first quarter of the twentieth century and can be said to be among the best representatives of the neo-classical style in Crittenden County.

The building was donated to the community by Ferdinand Julius Fohs, an internationally known petroleum geologist who was raised in Marion.¹ He hired the architectural firm of Frankel and Curtis of Lexington to design the building, which was to be used as a community center. It was built by the contracting firm of J. N. Boston and Son of Marion at a cost of \$73,081. The location of the building was on the site of a small frame house where Fohs once lived.

Upon its completion in 1926, the building was donated by Fohs to the Marion Board of Education. It was used as a community center and as an auxiliary building for Marion High School, located across the street. Originally Fohs Hall contained a music room and a lounge on its first floor and a study hall and small library on the second. The basement contained classes for home economics and agriculture. The auditorium provided space for both community and school activities.

This large, two-story brick building serves as a focal building for the Marion community. Its large scale and impressive styling in addition to the prominent location in the heart of town make it the most important historic property in Marion and one of the most significant in the county.² After serving as a public education building for many years, Fohs Hall is now being considered for renovation as a community center and civic auditorium for Marion and Crittenden County.

¹Julius Fohs, born in New York City in 1884,was the son of Mark E. and Fredericka Baum Fohs. In 1890 his family moved to Marion where his father established a variety store. Upon graduation from Marion High School in 1900, Fohs began working in mining operations. In 1905 he became the assistant state geologist for Kentucky. In 1912 he and Dr. James Gardner formed the consulting geology firm of Fohs and Gardner, based in Lexington, Kentucky. In 1913, Fohs moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma where he became successful as a consulting petroleum geologist. He opened an office in New York City in 1916, establishing an international consulting business. (Information provided by Judy Winn, Marion, Kentucky, 1981.)

²Crittenden County was formed in 1842 with Marion, its county seat, incorporated in 1844. Most of the surviving historic buildings of any significance in the area are residential, and date to the late nineteenth and early twentieth century period.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Information provided by Ted Boston, son of J. W. Boston, builder; Marion, Kentucky; Helen Moore, Marion, Kentucky; Crittenden Press, October 1926.

"Fohs Hall". Dedication program, October 1926.

10. Geographical Data ACREASE NOT VERIFIED UT MUI

Acreage of nominated property <u>1.1 acres</u> Quadrangle name <u>Marion, Ky</u> . UMT References Latitude: 37°20'2.5" Longitude: 88°04'44"	Quadrangle scale 1:2400
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Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundary extends 50' east (to the west side of Walker Street); 50' to the south, west and north of exterior walls.

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state NA	code	county	code		
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11. Form Prepared By					

name/title Mrs. George Winn; Dick Holland; Gloria Mills, Historian; (see continuation sheet)

organization

street & number

city or town

state

telephone

date

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national _____ state ____X__ local

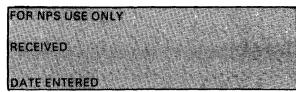
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89– 665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature lionen date 3/11/82 title For HCRS use only eby certify that this property is included in the National Register t i iller i s eeper of the National Registe Attests **Chief of Registration**

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM FOHS Hall

143 North Walker Marion, Kentucky 42064 Crittenden County CONTINUATION SHEET



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