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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Murray State University Historic Buildings, Addition; Main Library

and/or common Pogue Special Collections Library

2. Location

street & number Murray State University Campus _____ not for publication

city, town Murray _____ vicinity of ~~Congressional District~~

state Kentucky code 021 county Calloway code

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" 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 Murray State University

street & number

city, town Murray _____ vicinity of _____ state Kentucky

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calloway County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Murray _____ state Kentucky

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date 1971 - 1973 _____ federal ☒ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Kentucky Heritage Council

city, town Frankfort _____ state Kentucky

7. Description

Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Murray State University Library, is a Renaissance Revival structure designed by G. Tandy Smith. Constructed in 1930, it faces east toward 16th Street. It is situated north of Wilson Hall and southeast of Wells Hall--structures that preceded its erection.

The Main Library was first nominated to the National Register of Historic Places in 1978 as part of the Murray State University Historic District. After comment by the Keeper of the National Register a revised thematic nomination containing four from the original nomination was resubmitted. This nomination which was listed on August 3, 1978 contains Wilson Hall and Wells Hall which flank the Main Library. The Library and other buildings were pulled from the original nomination because they failed to meet the 50 year criteria.

The East and West facades are dominated by a centered pavillion served by a portico with six columns that have Egyptian capitals. Four of these support an entablature having modillions beneath the corona. (see photo #1) This entablature continues around all sides and its frieze is inscribed with the structure's purpose and date over the porticos. In other sections are the incised names of renowned literary figures which are separated by panels decorated with mythological figures in relief. The other two columns are below extruded corners and rest on pedestals of the same nature.

The double doors of the entrance of each are contained in a colossal stilted arch opening that is highly enriched with bronze components which appear to be of Art Nouveau inspiration. The edges of the arch are splayed and the opening is framed by smoothly finished stone blocks and quoins that also appear on the pavillion's corners and in the parapet atop the entablature. In the brick sections of the latter are tablets with scrolled pediments and its summit is treated with paterae and a band of running vine.

Flanking the entrance are one-story stilted arch windows trimmed with limestone. Above each is a rectangular window which has a screen of latticework. To the north and south of the portico are three colossal stilted arch windows that achieve the same height as the entrance. These are enriched with decorative work in bronze, trimmed with limestone, and surrounded on three sides by a soldier course.

The north and south ends are fenestrated in the same manner as the sections flanking the pavillions on east and west. The former have four windows each, whereas the latter have three. The entablature and the parapet coped with stone continue on these ends.

In 1966 a three story annex to the south was constructed. Although efforts were taken in the design to harmonize this with the original structure through the use of same materials. As the Main Library, the character of the addition is sufficiently different from the Main Library to justify its exclusion from this nomination.

The Main Library is a story vaulted ceiling, square space. (see photo 2) The height of the ceiling and the absence of interior walls effectively provide the quietness which a library requires. The C.S. Lowry Library Annex is attached to the Main Library on the south by a narrow corridor which protects the design integrity of the Main Library.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1930 **Builder/Architect** G. Tandy Smith

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Main Library at Murray State University is of significance in the history of higher education in Western Kentucky, as the best example of Renaissance Revival Architecture in this region, and as the outstanding work of the Paducah architect, G. Tandy Smith, Jr.

Murray State Normal School was created by the Kentucky General Assembly 1923 to serve the educational needs of the western most region of Kentucky. (see National Register form for Murray State University Historic Buildings, entered in National Register August 1978) As the fledgling University acquired space and developed a campus plan, G. Tandy Smith was establishing an architectural practice in Paducah, the largest city in the region and 40 miles to the northwest of Murray. Smith, who was born in Clarksville, Tennessee, designed most of the early buildings at Murray State, including Wells Hall, as well as many of the Primary and Secondary schools in the region during his career which continued until his death in 1953.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See #9, Murray State University Historic Buildings

"Forrest C. Pogue Special Collections Library", pamphlet, Murray State University
Smith, Winnie Potter, Biography of G. Tandy Smith, Architect, undated

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2

Quadrangle name Murray

Quadrangle scale 1: 24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

A rectangular area encompassing the Main Library and forty feet on each. The Annex on the south is not included.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Mar. Kumar

title State Historic Preservation Officer date April 11, 1983

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 5/26/83

J. Melores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



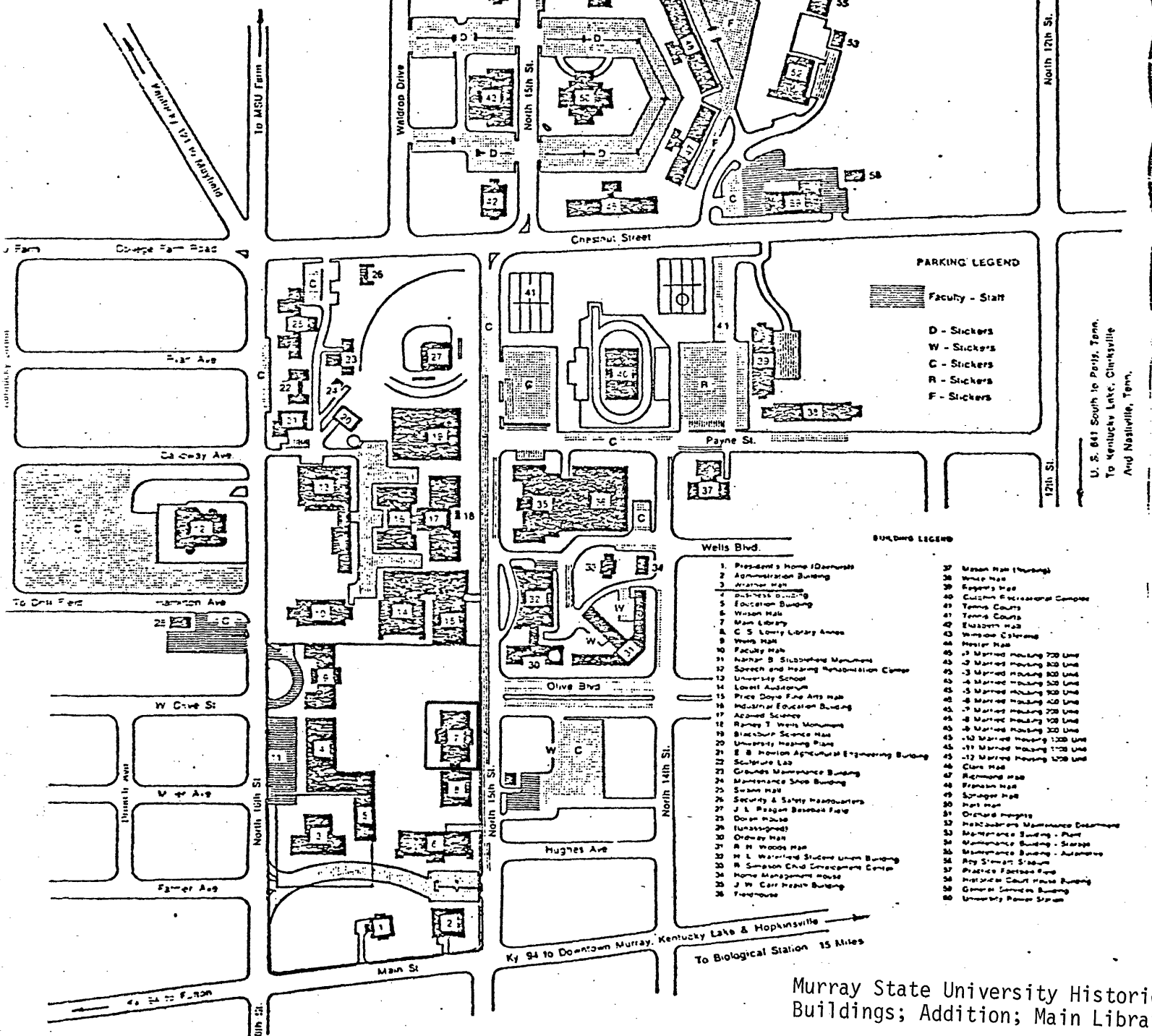
Murray
State
University



CAMPUS GUIDE

U. S. 841 North to Denton,
Paducah, W. Ky. Parkway
And Louisville

U. S. 841 South to Paris, Tenn.
To Kentucky Lake, Clarksville
And Nashville, Tenn.



PARKING LEGEND

- Faculty - Staff
- D - Sicklers
- W - Sicklers
- C - Sicklers
- R - Sicklers
- F - Sicklers

BUILDING LEGEND

1. President's Home (Dormitory)
2. Administration Building
3. Athletic Hall
4. Business Building
5. Education Building
6. Women Hall
7. Main Library
8. C. S. Lowry Library Annex
9. Work Hall
10. Faculty Hall
11. Major B. Stouffer Monument
12. Speech and Hearing Rehabilitation Center
13. University School
14. Lowell Auditorium
15. Price Doyle Fine Arts Hall
16. Industrial Education Building
17. Natural Science
18. Ramey T. Webb Monument
19. Blackburn Science Hall
20. University Housing Plant
21. E. B. Houston Agricultural Engineering Building
22. Science Lab
23. Grounds Maintenance Building
24. Maintenance Shop Building
25. Swann Hall
26. Security & Safety Headquarters
27. J. L. Bogan Baseball Field
28. Dining Hall
29. Luncheon Hall
30. Ordway Hall
31. H. H. Woods Hall
32. H. L. Weatherford Student Union Building
33. Simpson Club Conspicuous Center
34. Home Management House
35. J. W. Carr Health Building
36. Firehouse
37. Mason Hall (Nursing)
38. White Hall
39. Rogers Hall
40. Culbertson Educational Complex
41. Tennis Courts
42. Tennis Courts
43. Eastern Hall
44. Wendon C. Sterling
45. Heiler Hall
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