

1	City, Village or Town: Clinton	County: Rock	Surveyor: Hartung	Date: 6/1/81	Street
	Street Address: 301 Cross Street		USGS Quad and UTM Reference: Clinton, 16/347160/4712880	Acreage: .4	
	Current Name & Use: Clinton Village Hall & Post Office		Current Owner: Village of Clinton		Number
Film Roll No.	Affix Contact Prints		Current Owner's Address: P. O. Box G Clinton, WI		
Negative No.			Legal Description: Original Plat, Block 7, Lot 31		
Facade Orient.					

2	Original Name & Use: Clinton Village Hall	Source A	Previous Owners	Dates	Uses	Source	Town Range
	Dates of Construction / Alteration 1913, Altered 1960 & 1964	Source A					
	Architect and/or Builder: Unknown	Source					

3	<u>Architectural Significance</u> <input type="radio"/> Represents work of a master <input type="radio"/> Possesses high artistic values <input checked="" type="radio"/> Represents a type, period, or method of construction <input type="radio"/> Engineering <input type="radio"/> None	4 <u>Historical Significance</u> <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with lives of significant persons <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with significant historical events <input checked="" type="radio"/> Assoc. with development of a locality <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ <input type="radio"/> None Period of significance: _____	Section	
	Architectural Description and Significance: see back			Historical Background and Significance: see back
	Interior visited? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			

5	Sources of Information (Reference to Above) A Clinton Bicentennial 1837-1976	6	Representation in Previous Surveys <input type="radio"/> HABS <input type="radio"/> LDMK <input checked="" type="radio"/> WIHP <input type="radio"/> NRHP <input type="radio"/> other: _____	Map Code
B		7	Condition <input type="radio"/> excellent <input checked="" type="radio"/> good <input type="radio"/> fair <input type="radio"/> poor <input type="radio"/> ruins	
C		8	District: _____ <input type="radio"/> pivotal <input type="radio"/> contributing <input type="radio"/> non-contributing	
D		9	Opinion of National Register Eligibility date: 6/1/81 initials: RH	
E			<input checked="" type="radio"/> eligible <input type="radio"/> not eligible <input type="radio"/> unknown	
F			<input type="radio"/> national <input type="radio"/> state <input type="radio"/> local	

Architectural Description and Significance:

The Clinton Village Hall faces north and is two stories built of dark red brick with flanking wings on either side of a pinacled center tower. The tower, with its Roman arch recessed entry ornamented with a stone hood and inscription stones "City Hall" and "1913" forms the major decorative feature of the building. Flanking wings are symmetrically alligned having three windows over three on the front and two over two on the side. The windows of the second floor north facade are in segmentally arched openings with brick piers between the windows, while those of the first floor and the side of the wings are in unadorned rectangular openings. On the side of the wings at the second story a superimposed brickwork relieving arch is set between a fasces type ornament. Brickwork pilasters rise at the corner of the wings to the stone-capped parapet of the gable ends. Stone sills band the front of the wings. Above the windows of the first level are inset concrete inscription stones with the legend "Library" and "Fire Department" on the respective wings. The roof of the wings is pitched with the rafters exposed beneath the overhanging eaves. Sometime after 1913 another wing extending further west was built to house fire fighting equipment. It is of plain red brick and unornamented, with a flat roof hidden behind a low parapet. Extending behind the structures is a long wing with pitched roof and exposed rafters, giving the complex an irregular "T" plan. This wing is unadorned, with the exception of two large square chimney stacks with concrete caps.

The interior has been extensively remodeled, subdivided into offices with wood paneling and glass.

The Clinton Village Hall is significant for architecture because it is a good example of a simple Victorian Gothic building for a small Wisconsin community. The central tower gives the building a feeling of massiveness and importance, as befitting a municipal building. Except for the replacement of windows and doors, the building is in fine condition, with architectural details intact. Later remodelings have concentrated on the rear of the building, leaving the original structure's appearance fairly intact. It is a significant architectural landmark in the small village of Clinton, serving the public since 1913.

Historical Significance:

The Clinton Village Hall was constructed in 1913 about one-half block from the downtown. The hall was originally used as municipal building, fire department, and library. It is not usual to see all community services in one building. It is apparent that turn-of-the-century town officials saw the value in combining all village services in one structure, perhaps influenced by the "progressive" political ideas popular in Wisconsin during this time. In any event, it is significant that the small community of Clinton built such an elaborate structure. While remodeled during recent years, the building still reflects the importance the citizens of Clinton placed on their community government and services.