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(Oct. 1972)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kentucky
COUNTY: Franklin
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ENTRY DATE JUL 3 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Paul Sawyer Library

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Old Courthouse and
Old Post Office

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
305 Wapping Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Frankfort

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Kentucky 6th

STATE:
Kentucky

CODE
21

COUNTY:
Franklin

CODE
073

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <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	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Library</u>

4. AGENCY

General Services Administration

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

CITY OR TOWN:

STREET AND NUMBER:

STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Franklin County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
324 St. Clair Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Frankfort

STATE:
Kentucky

CODE
21

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

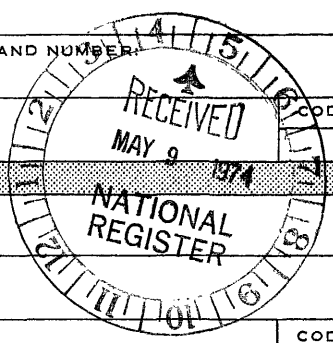
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Kentucky Heritage Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
401 Wapping Street

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Frankfort

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original design for the Federal Building and Court House was in the Queen Anne Style, primarily utilizing brick with stone trim. The request by local citizens for a stone building led to the abandonment of this stylistic treatment, resulting in a new exterior design executed in limestone featuring elements of the French Second Empire and Chateausque styles. The redesigned building with its asymmetri- cally located tower - minus the originally proposed clock - high steeply sloped slate shingled roof, pedimented wall dormers, stone linteled window openings and cylindrical tourelle inspired corner details on the second floor presents an harmonious, though stylistically varied exterior, in an area rich with buildings of an earlier era.

The structure of the 54 ft. by 94 ft. three story building consists of interior and exterior masonry bearing walls with timber beams and trusses. The first floor and basement were built to house the post office; the second floor was devoted to the federal customs office, court offices, and a two-story court room, located in elevation by its large arched window and pedimented wall dormer. The partial third floor housed additional federal offices.

A broad heavily balustraded stair leads from the simply detailed first floor lobby to the second and third floor corridors. In the court room the high open wood trussed ceiling construction has been obscured by a suspended acoustical ceiling, the result of a post- World War II remodeling. In 1910, a two story 55 ft. by 41 ft. addition at the rear of the building, sympathetic in material and architectural detail, was built to provide expanded basement and first floor office space and room for court offices on the second floor.

Although in need of repairs, both the interior and exterior of the structure remain little altered since 1910. Its adaptive use as a public library proves the structure's viability as a civic building worthy of preservation.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1887**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input 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

See "Continuation Sheet."



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

A Walking Tour in Old Frankfort, Kentucky Department of Public Information.

Historical Jottings of Kentucky's Capital, Sara Prewitt Olcott and T. E. Adams, private printer, 1951. Kentucky Historical Society Library.

A Century of Progress with Frankfort, Hugh Hudson, private printer, 1952. Architect's Survey, W. C. Livingston, Frankfort, August, 1971.

The Danville Advocate, Danville, Kentucky Aug. 7, 1883.

The Danville Advocate, Danville, Kentucky Sept. 11, 1883.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

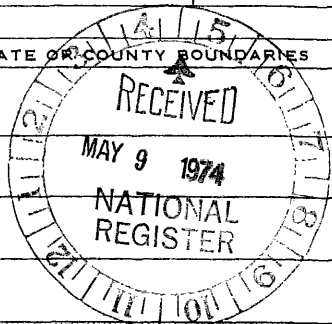
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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	0 ' ' "	0 ' ' "				
SW	0 ' ' "	0 ' ' "				

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .87

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: **Bruce E. Goetzman Architect** DATE: **October 31, 1973**

BUSINESS ADDRESS: **Bruce E. Goetzman Architect**

STREET AND NUMBER: **2606 Vine Street** PHONE: **(513) 281-7244**

CITY OR TOWN: **Cincinnati** STATE: **Ohio** CODE: **039**

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

- Yes
- No
- None

Mrs. Simead Willis
State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State

Local
Steven R. Rutterbaum 2/6/74
Federal Representative Signature Date
Historic Preservation
Liaison Officer
Title

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

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 7/3/74

ATTEST:
Charles Huntington
Keeper of The National Register
Date 7-3-74

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The Congressional appropriation bill authorizing \$100,000 for construction of the Frankfort Post Office and U. S. Court House was signed by President Chester A. Arthur on April 20, 1882. By March of 1883 demolition had started on Saffell's Valley Mill, an important early manufacturing establishment at the corner of St. Clair and Wapping Streets, which was purchased by the Treasury Department for the site of the new building. Additional land was purchased from Mrs. Philip Swigert, owner of "The Terraces", a riverside house adjacent to the Saffell Mill property.

Capt. David A. Murphy, editor of the Danville Kentucky Tribune, was appointed government inspector of the project at a salary of \$6.00 per day. He in turn appointed Rev. J. C. Randolph of Danville his assistant. Construction began in August of 1883 and the corner stone was laid February 4th, 1884. In September 1885 Capt. Murphy was relieved as government inspector, causing a great local political furor. He was replaced by Capt. W. E. Grubbs, an experienced builder from Shelby City, Kentucky who completed the building. The post office opened for business on February 28th, 1887.

A rear wing was added and interior office alterations carried out in 1910 under the direction of James Knox Taylor, supervising architect for the Treasury Department. Since 1965, after vacation of the post office, the building has been occupied by the Paul Sawyer Library the Frankfort City-County Library.

Among the buildings in the Corner of Celebrities Historic District of Frankfort, the courthouse has local historical significance as a judicial and postal Center and its site carries importance as the location on an early industrial establishment. Architecturally, the building, with its well proportioned facade and unusual tower design is in bold contrast to the Federal, Jeffersonian Classic and Greek Revival styles of the earlier surrounding buildings, while remaining harmonious with them in feeling.

