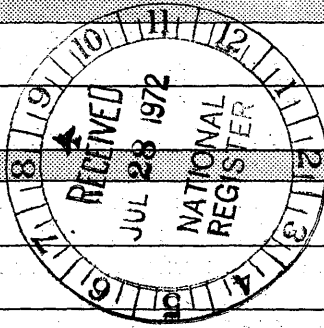


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

4/13/72

STATE: West Virginia	
COUNTY: Tyler	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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1. NAME

COMMON: City Building

AND/OR HISTORIC: Sistersville City Hall

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: City Square, Main and Diamond Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Sistersville

STATE <u>West Virginia</u>	CODE <u>26175</u>	COUNTY: <u>Tyler</u>	CODE <u>095</u>
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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 type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Town of Sistersville

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Sistersville STATE: West Virginia CODE: 26175 54

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Tyler County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Middlebourne STATE: West Virginia CODE: 26149 54

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: An Historic Preservation-Economic Development Study for Sistersville, West Virginia.

DATE OF SURVEY: January 1971 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Sistersville Planning Commission

STREET AND NUMBER: Sistersville City Hall

CITY OR TOWN: Sistersville STATE: West Virginia CODE: 26175 54

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

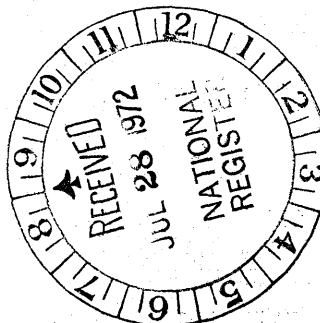
(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The City Building is a two story red brick and stone building (as specified in the deed, Tyler County D.B. 28, p. 574-575) on a circular plot, consisting of a square each of whose sides has, centrally located, a three-sided bay window. This arrangement displays an elaborate geometry - a complex, of symmetrical polyonal figure-within a circle. All elements are symmetrically arranged - doors, windows (those having Classical stone podiums.) A stone belt course divides the first and second stories. There is a subdued Classical cornice above which is a low pitched slate roof, over which, at one time, a small open cupola presided. The small yard is surrounded by an iron fence popular in that period.

The interior first floor has been used, and is presently used, for the city offices, and for several years (1913 to 1964) housed the Public Library. The second story consists of one large room with a small stage and was used for conventions and social occasions. It is presently used for storage by the City.



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3. 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 |
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1897**

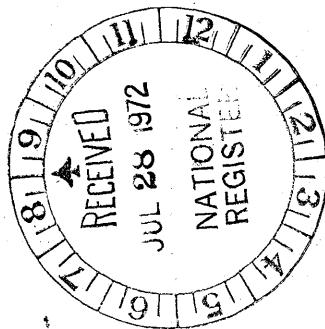
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Government</u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building was advertized as one of the first public buildings in the State when it was built. It is another evidence of the town's prosperity during the 'Oil Boom' (1892-1910) which hit the area, especially since no city building had been erected until that time. (The town was laid out in 1816, and chartered in 1839..) It was erected on the plot originally intended for the county court house, Sistersville hoping to become the county seat. The location is the center of the Diamond or village square and is surrounded by a roadway. Here where two main streets intersect in a square, the emphasis is on the City Hall.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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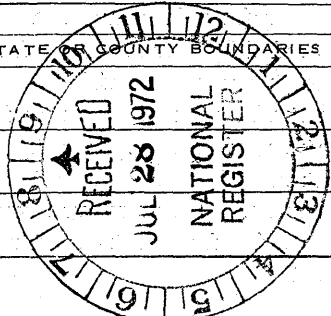
10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES								
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SE	0	'	"	0	'	"							
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"							

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .5

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:
Mrs. Laura A. Bryant, Field Research Agent, for

ORGANIZATION: **West Virginia Antiquities Commission** DATE: **August 31, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Old Mountainlair, West Virginia University

CITY OR TOWN: **Morgantown** STATE: **West Virginia 26506** CODE: **54**

12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: *Dr. Carolyn J. Gunn*
 Title: State Liaison Officer
 Date: July 24, 1972

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

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Date: 10/5/72

ATTEST:
William M. Stewart
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: 10-3-72