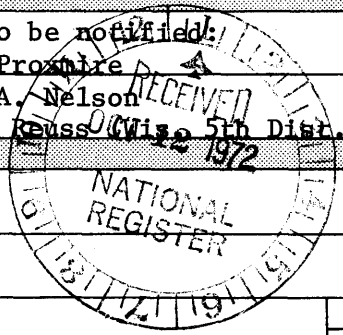


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1. NAME

COMMON: **Milwaukee City Hall**

AND/OR HISTORIC: **Congressmen to be notified: Sen. William Proxmire, Sen. Gaylord A. Nelson, Rep. Henry S. Reuss (Wis. 5th Dist.)**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **200 East Wells Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Milwaukee**

STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55** COUNTY: **Milwaukee** CODE: **079**

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **City of Milwaukee**

STREET AND NUMBER: **200 East Wells Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Milwaukee** STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Milwaukee County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER: **901 North Ninth Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Milwaukee** STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Historic American Buildings Survey**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1969** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **Library of Congress**

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **District of Columbia** CODE: **11**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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

In Milwaukee Landmarks, Richard W. E. Perrin describes City Hall as follows:

Resting on literally a forest of wooden piles driven into reclaimed marshland, the superstructure of the City Hall is an eclectic variation of elaborate Renaissance patterns, strongly reminiscent of Flemish and German prototypes and bearing more than a passing resemblance to German Rathäuser of the same period. Three great arches, springing directly from grade, pierce the massive and heavily ornamented tower which rises 350 feet to a copper-clad spire and cupola.

The tower crowns an eight-story building. Basement walls are medium gray granite, first and second story walls yellow-gray sandstone, while the upper stories and tower above second story are faced with pink St. Louis brick, now weathered to a deep brown. Trim is carved stone and terra cotta, in the main.

Interior spaces above basement level are oriented about a central light well, and on all floors most of these spaces--diverse offices, suites, conference rooms--have been remodelled. As the HABS paper reports:

Today, only the central section, comprising the main floor lobby, light shaft, basement corridors, and corridors about the light well on the upper floors, and the Common Council Chamber retain anything of their original character. In the public (circulation) areas the original iron railings, posts, and trim, the mosaic floors, and much of the oak woodwork and marble wainscot survive. This is not to say that the public areas have gone unchanged... And the Common Council Chamber has also been remodelled. But other areas of City Hall have seen even more extensive alteration...

On the exterior, however the grand old building has been changed very little since its formal opening seventy-seven years ago. The exterior is currently being refurbished.



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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 |
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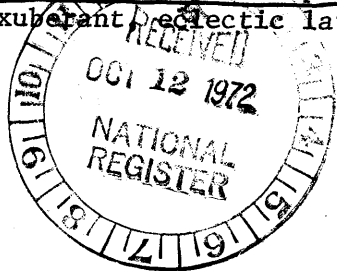
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1893-98; unfinished bldg. dedicated in 1895**

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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The HABS data report states: "By virtue of its function, monumental size, and prominent downtown location, City Hall is Milwaukee's principal landmark." (Its Landmark status became official in 1970 when it was so designated by the local Landmarks Commission.) One of the community's tallest buildings, City Hall stands at the east end of the Civic Center area, in the heart of the central business district. The growth of municipal government over the years has necessitated construction, purchase, and rental of additional office space for various city agencies and departments, but the 19th century edifice still houses the offices of Milwaukee's mayor and aldermen and the Common Council Chamber, along with the headquarters of the Harbor and Election Commissions, City Attorney, Tax Commissioner, Comptroller, and City Clerk--among others. The building is also of considerable interest architecturally--as the work of Henry C. Koch and Company, a leading Milwaukee firm of the day--and for its exuberant, eclectic late Victorian design.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

A list of key published and unpublished sources is part of the HABS data report. Recent publications include:

Civic Center and Plaza, Milwaukee, n.d. [c. 1969].

Perrin, Richard W.E., Milwaukee Landmarks, Milwaukee, 1968, 33-36.

Wietczykowski, Mary Ellen, "Historic American Buildings Survey, Milwaukee Project 1969," Wisconsin Architect, XLI, No. 1, January, 1970, 14-21.

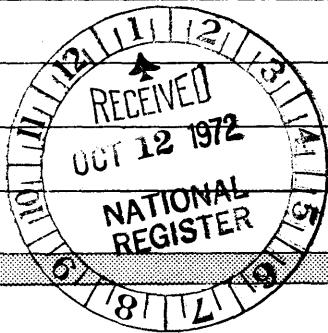
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.0

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mary Ellen Wietczykowski, Chairman

ORGANIZATION: Milwaukee Landmarks Commission DATE: 11 July 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
210 West Michigan Street

CITY OR TOWN: Milwaukee STATE: Wisconsin CODE: 55

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 James Morton Smith
James Morton Smith

Title Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Date OCT 6 1972

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

Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historical Preservation

Date 3/4/73

ATTEST:

W. Munter
Keeper of The National Register

Date 3-9-73

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6. Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Buildings and Sites (State)

1971

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

816 State Street

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Wisconsin

Code: 55

11. Donald N. Anderson, Asst. Director, Historic Sites & Markers Division

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

July 17, 1972

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