

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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

1. Name

historic Central College Multiple Resource Area (Partial, History/architecture)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number multiple see continuation sheet not for publication

city, town Westerville *near* ☒ vicinity of congressional district 12th

state Ohio code 039 county Franklin code 049

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Resource	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name multiple see continuation sheet

street & number

city, town Westerville ☒ vicinity of state Ohio

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Franklin County Administration Building

street & number 410 S. High St.

city, town Columbus state Ohio

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Ohio Historic Inventory has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date 1975 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Ohio Historic Preservation Office

city, town Columbus state Ohio

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

Central College is a small, unincorporated village in northeastern Franklin County. Originally named Amalthea, the village was platted in 1849 by Timothy Lee who was a major benefactor of the Central College and the Presbyterian Church. His homestead, Squire's Glen, is located south of Central College and is individually listed in the National Register. The four buildings included in this nomination represent the well preserved historic resources of this village. Following are brief descriptions of the buildings.

7121 Sunbury Rd. This fine little 1½ story frame residence was built by Reverend Ebenezer Washburn in 1833. It measures 5 by 2 bays and has a gable composition covered roof. The distinctive feature is the beautiful, refined entrance flanked by flattened, engaged columns and a highly decorative entablature and frieze. Heart shaped and fluted fan motifs decorate the entrance. The six panel door is original. The windows are double hung 12 over 12 and a brick chimney is located at the north end of the house.

Two of the interior mantelpieces are intact. The one in the living room features the same flattened engaged columns as the front door. A fluted fan motif dominates the center of the mantel. The bedroom mantelpiece in the bedroom is much simpler with square pilasters and raised rectangular molding. A one story addition was added to the rear of the building.

Reverend Washburn moved to Central College in 1833 and lived in this house until his death in 1873. He was instrumental in the development of the Presbyterian Church in Blendon Township and Blendon Institute and Central College.

6972 Sunbury Rd. This home was built in 1841 on land donated by Timothy Lee for use as a parsonage for the Presbyterian Church. It is a 2 story wood frame building (now covered with aluminum siding) with a gable composition covered roof. The outstanding feature is the entrance with sidelights, pilasters, entablature and frieze. The windows on the first floor facade are double hung 12 over 12 sash while the remainder are either 8 over 8 or 6 over 6. The house originally faced south but was moved back from the road 100' and turned to face Sunbury Road in 1927. The house was used as a parsonage during the mid-19th century and has been in the Zimmer family since 1938.

Central College Presbyterian Church This well preserved church was completed in 1870. It is constructed of brick on a stone foundation with a composition roof. The church measures 3 by 3 bays. The entrance is located in the center bay of the facade at the base of the projecting square tower. A round arched stained glass window with "Central College Presbyterian Church 1870" in it is located above the double six panel doors. Blind arches are located on the sides of the first and second levels of the tower with louvered round arched openings above. The tower is topped with a crenelated parapet. All of the round arched windows are stained glass and set within recesses in the wall surface. A brick chimney is located at the rear of the roof ridge line. The building measures 36'x50' and was built at a cost of \$4,276. Lyman Day was the brickmason and Stephen Huddleson the carpenter. A fellowship hall was constructed at the rear of the lot in 1955.

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Central College - Fairchild Building This substantial 3 story brick building with a hipped, slate covered roof was constructed in 1875. It measures 3 by 3 bays. The entrance with double doors is centered in the facade. The openings, including the entrance are segmental arched with brick hoodmoulds. The windows are double hung 2 over 2 throughout. Projecting bays are located on the north and south elevations. A square cupola with round arched 2 over 2 windows and corbelled brickwork is located at the ridge of the roof. A denticular cornice surrounds the building. This building was built as part of the Central College Academy which was founded in 1842. The building was sold in 1895 to the 9th Ohio Deaf-Mute Reunion and is part of an enormous complex owned and operated by the Ohio School for the Deaf Alumni Association.

The four buildings mentioned are all located on Sunbury Road. Together they represent the important influences of religion and education on the development of the village.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The four buildings included in this nomination— Rev. Washburn Residence, Presbyterian Parsonage, Central College Presbyterian Church and the Fairchild Building — represent the well preserved historic resources of this small unincorporated village. They also illustrate the importance of religion and education to the development of the community. The buildings are significant architecturally as examples of the Federal, Greek Revival, Romanesque Revival and Italianate influences which were prevalent during the nineteenth century. They are unpretentious yet display an awareness of architectural styles and good quality craftsmanship. The properties are significant historically for their association with people and events which influenced and shaped the community.

Timothy Lee, a native of New York, moved to Ohio in 1807. He settled in Blendon Township and became the prime benefactor of the educational facilities and the Presbyterian Church in Central College. His homestead, Squire's Glen, is individually listed in the National Register.

The village of Amalthea was platted by Lee in 1849, however the beginnings of a community predated this. Lee had a dream of establishing a school in Blendon Township and donated 35 acres for Blendon Institute in 1832. Reverend Washburn conducted the school which consisted of three frame buildings — a chapel, boarding house and school. Later, in 1841, when the Presbyterian Church considered establishing a college in central Ohio, Lee proposed a donation of 100 acres and the construction of additional facilities if the college would be located in Blendon Township. In 1842, the school opened and the post office address officially became Central College. Although the village was officially platted and recorded as Amalthea, it has always been known as Central College. In 1841, Lee also donated property for the construction of a Presbyterian parsonage and later for a church.

Lee's dream of a college fell short through financial difficulties and ceased operation in 1850. Following that move, the buildings were used as an academy or preparatory school for the Presbyterian Wooster College. It flourished and was enlarged with the construction of the Fairchild Building (named after the first graduate of Central College) in 1875. By the 1890's, the school once again faced financial difficulty and was sold to the 9th Ohio Deaf-Mute Reunion and opened as the Ohio Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf in 1896. The Fairchild Building is the only remaining building from the long history of 19th century educational facilities in Central College. It is now part of a large complex operated by the Ohio School for the Deaf Alumni Association.

The village of Central College is not much larger today than the 1849 plat and these few buildings still remain, relatively unchanged to remind the community of their religious and educational heritage.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Franklin County records
By One Spirit History of Central College, Central College Presbyterian Church, 1976.
Darbee, J. and Kitchen, J. Architecture: Columbus, Columbus Chapter of the American
Institute of Architects, 1976.
Caldwell's Atlas of Franklin County, 1872

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreeage of nominated property All are less than one

Quadrangle name Northeast Columbus

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification
See continuation sheet

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Nancy Recchie/Regional Preservation Officer

organization Columbus Landmarks Foundation

date 5/80

street & number 22 N. Front St.

telephone (614) 221-0227

city or town Columbus

state Ohio

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Nancy Recchie
Nancy Recchie

title

date 9/15/80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
Keeper of the National Register	date 11/25/80
Attest: <i>Paula Stone Reed</i>	date 11/25/80
Chief of Registration	

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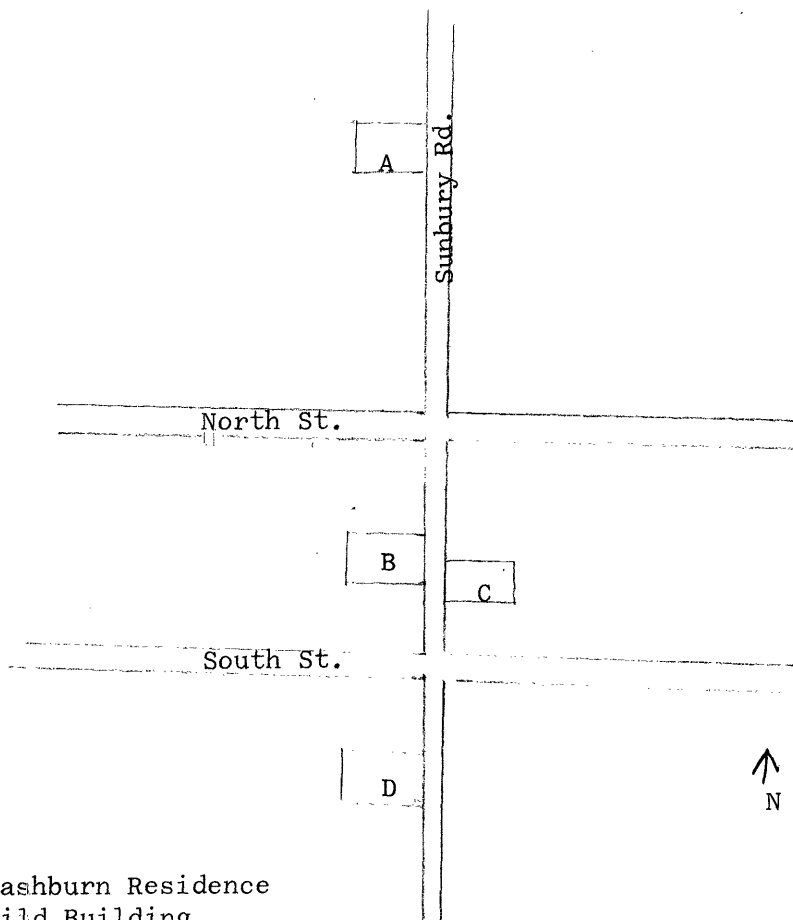
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- A. Rev. Washburn Residence
- B. Fairchild Building
- C. Presbyterian Parsonage
- D. Central College Presbyterian Church

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries of the nominated properties include Lot #8, Lot #67, the southeast corner of Lot #35 measuring 99' by 330' and the lot on the west side of Sunbury Rd., 400' north of the village limits and measuring 100' by 150' as recorded in the Franklin County Map Room, Map Book M-1.