

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM14000779
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Wayne County Home

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

876 Geyers Chapel Road

CITY, TOWN

Wooster

☒ VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

17 - John M. Ashbrook

STATE

Ohio

CODE

039

COUNTY

Wayne

CODE

169

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☒ ENTERTAINMENT
☒ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Wayne County Commissioners

STREET & NUMBER

West Liberty Street

CITY, TOWN

Wooster

VICINITY OF

STATE

Ohio

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Wayne County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Wooster

STATE

Ohio

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Ohio Historic Inventory

DATE

April 1979

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Ohio State University Mansfield Campus

CITY, TOWN

Mansfield

STATE

Ohio

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

—EXCELLENT

X GOOD

—FAIR

—DETERIORATED

—RUINS

—UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED

X ALTERED

CHECK ONE

X ORIGINAL SITE

—MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wayne County Home is a large two story brick building with a raised basement entered at grade level. The basement story is constructed of large rectangular sandstone blocks that are smooth-faced. The upper two floors are constructed of brick with stone lintels and sills and wood trim. The entablature is classically styled, featuring an architrave, a frieze accented by robust modillions and a massive cornice. Above is a gable roof of shallow pitch.

The original 1853 portion of the building is primarily Greek Revival in design. Its symmetrical plan, simple rectangular window and door openings with plain sills and lintels, the six over six windows, classical entablature and shallow gable roof are all Greek Revival elements. A centrally located attic pediment features rounded window openings, suggesting Italianate influence. The large ornate front porch with its bracketed columns and elaborately carved baluster railing is clearly an Italianate feature, but was probably added in the late nineteenth century. A smaller entrance porch is located at the rear, or west end of the building.

After the Civil War, a series of enlargements were made to this building. First, a separate building was constructed about ten feet away from the northwest corner of the original building, this newer building closely matches the original externally, in scale, height and materials. Even the ornamental details are similar. The second major addition links these two buildings together, resulting in a single "L" shaped building. It, too, matches the original in scale and materials, but with more deviation in its ornamental details. At this same time, large two story porches were added on the west side of the building.

The interior clearly shows the three stages of this building's construction. In the original section, Greek Revival woodwork and multiple panelled doors can be found. An open stairway in the south end is a light, simple and graceful structure, common to the pre-Civil War period. The western wing displays more elaborate woodwork and a highly ornate curving stairway reflecting the later Italianate style. The northern wing, which is the newest, displays somewhat simple machine-made woodwork and doors which are varnished oak, such as can be found in Queen Anne style buildings. Throughout the building, the interior is simple, consisting of a central hallway with small rooms on either side. At the northern end is a large lounge and at the western end is a separate section. Cordoned off by massive iron doors and featuring elaborate encaustic tile floors, this western section was once reserved for mental patients. Interior alterations have been slight. A sprinkler system with exposed piping was recently installed. The second floor of the south wing has been made into the superintendent's apartment, but without structural alterations, and tile floors have been introduced throughout the building.

This older building is one of several structures that comprise the present Wayne County Home. It is isolated from the other more recent and plain buildings by a spacious lawn with shade trees and shrubbery. The building now serves as the men's dormitory for the county home. A women's dormitory and hospital, plus a barn and several outbuildings are also located on the 256 acre farm that is the Wayne County Home.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☒ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☒ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1852; c. 1870; c. 1882

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Simon Cristine

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wayne County Home is significant as one of the oldest county infirmaries in Ohio and presently one of the state's largest such institutions that has a long history in the care of the elderly and indigent of Wayne County. It is an impressive architectural landmark that has been well preserved as a rare example of pre-Civil War institutional architecture.

Shortly after Ohio's 1851 constitution placed the responsibility for the care of the poor, elderly and disabled on each county, Wayne County responded by appointing a board of directors for its county infirmary. A 286 acre farm was purchased about three miles southeast of Wooster and the present building was constructed. Cyrus Segner served as the first superintendent and Dr. S. Pixley was the first physician.

In its early years the county infirmary not only housed the elderly, but also the poor, orphans and the mentally ill. A school was constructed for the orphans and served for the education of the young until the Wayne County Children's Home opened in 1881. Mental patients were housed in the building until the state's mental facilities were regionalized in the late nineteenth century. Major additions and improvements were made to the present building after 1882 under the term of Superintendent and Mrs. E. D. McIntire. A hospital was constructed around the turn of the century and a separate women's dorm was constructed in 1938.

In recent years, many counties have replaced their old county infirmaries with newer facilities that meet recently adopted state building codes. As a result this type of institutional building is rapidly disappearing and a unique architectural and historic resource is in danger of being obliterated. It is expected that this building's function will be lost when a new men's dormitory is built and plans are underway by a citizens task force to prevent its demolition and find a new use for it that will safeguard the Wayne County Home for future generations.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Douglas, Ben, History of Wayne County, Ohio, Indianapolis, 1878, pp. 259-60.
Caldwell, J. A., Atlas of Wayne County, Ohio, Sunbury, Ohio, 1873.
Hauenstein, E. H., "Wayne County Home Celebrates Centennial," Wooster Daily Record, Sept. 8, 1953.
Barnes, Dorothy, "History of the Wayne County Home, 1852-1974."

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one

ITEM NOT VERIFIED

QUADRANGLE NAME Wooster, Ohio

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 117 424 550 451 510 0

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property includes the present Men's Dormitory of the Wayne County Home, plus fifty feet of lawn on the north, east, and west sides and ten feet of lawn on the south side. No other buildings or structures are included.

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Steven McQuillin, Regional Preservation Officer

ORGANIZATION

Ohio State University, Mansfield Campus

DATE

April 1979

STREET & NUMBER

1660 University Drive

TELEPHONE

(419) 755-4011

CITY OR TOWN

Mansfield

STATE

Ohio 44906

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

David L. Brook

TITLE

SHPO

DATE 10/16/79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 11-29-79

ATTEST:

William H. Brabham

DATE 11-27-79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



Wayne County Home, Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio ^{#3}

Photo: Steve McQuillin, 4/79

Negatives: OSU-Mansfield Campus

View of eastern elevation

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#1

Wayne County Home, Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio

Photo: Steve McQuillin, 4/79

Negatives: OSU-Mansfield Campus

View of west elevation

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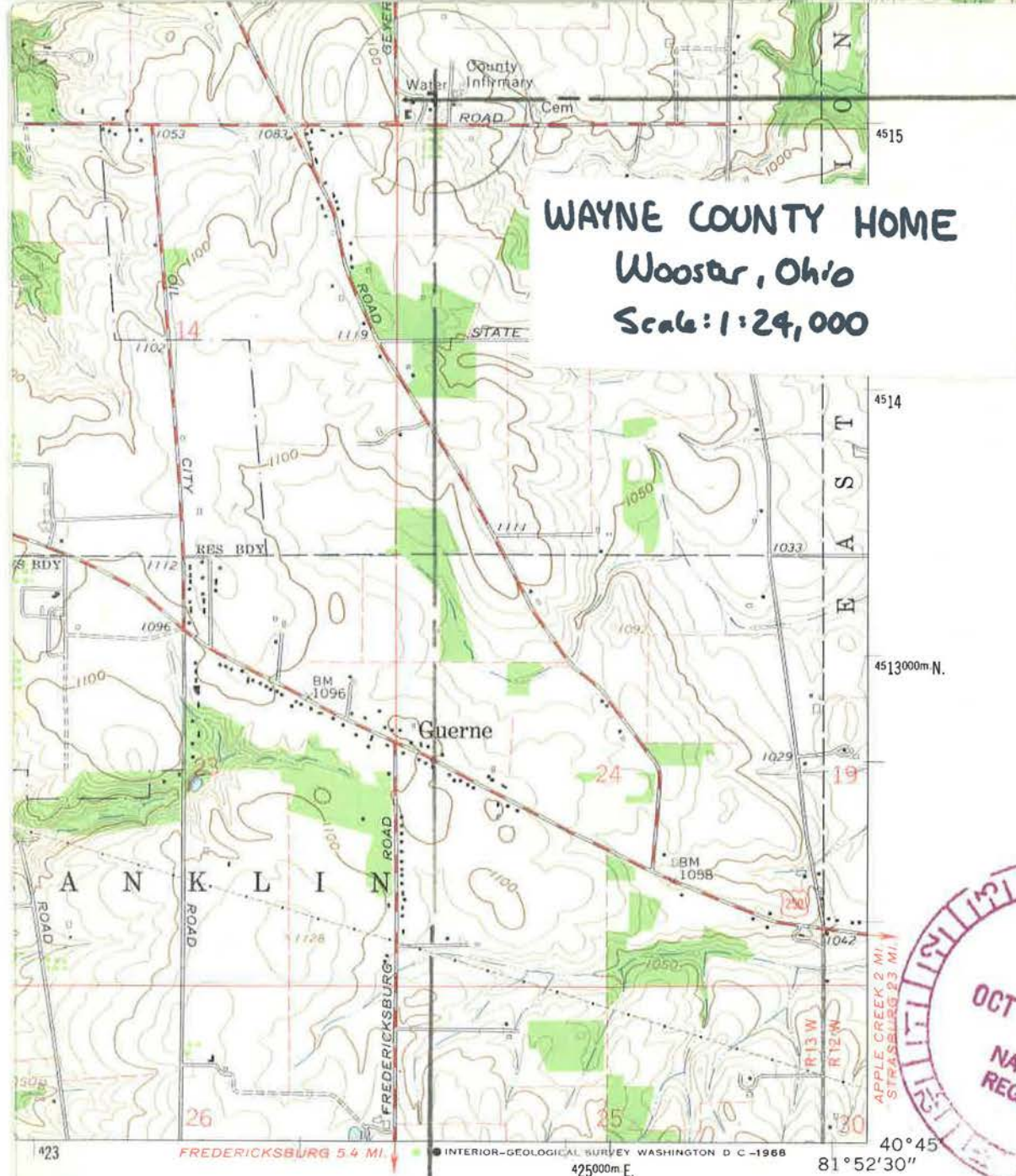
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Wayne County Home, Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio

Photo: Steve McQuillin, 4/79
Negatives: OSU-Mansfield Campus

View of northern elevation

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- | | | | |
|-------------|--|-----------------|--|
| Heavy-duty | | Light-duty | |
| Medium-duty | | Unimproved dirt | |
| U. S. Route | | State Route | |



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OHIO

Date Entered NOV 29 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Otterbein Mausoleum	Westerville Franklin County
Shepard Street School (Gahanna Nursing Home)	Gahanna Franklin County
Parmelee House	Valley City Medina County
Wayne County Home	Wooster Wayne County
Loew-Define Grocery Store and Home	Navarre Stark County
Courthouse Center	Newark Licking County
Pennsylvania Railway Station	Newark Licking County
St. Peters Church	Mansfield Richland County
Hruby Conservatory of Music	Cleveland Cuyahoga County

Also Notified

Honorable Howard M. Metzenbaum
Honorable John H. Glenn, Jr.
Honorable Samuel L. Devine
Honorable Donald J. Pease
Honorable Ralph Regula
Honorable John M. Ashbrook
Honorable Mary R. Oakar

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. David Brook.
The Ohio Historical Society
Interstate 71 at 17th Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43211

Property

Wayne County Home

State

OH

Working Number

10.25.79.2577

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos

2+1

Maps

1

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*County home dating from
the 1850s in the Italianate style*

*accept
Braham*

11.2.79

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

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Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*accept
Braham*

11.27.79

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered

NOV 29 1979

Federal Register Entry

2-5-80

Re-submit _____

Ohio Historic Preservation Office

Ohio Historical Center I-71 & 17th Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43211 (614) 466-1500

October 18, 1979

Mr. Charles Herrington, Acting Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Department of the Interior
440 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20243

Dear Mr. Herrington:

Enclosed are 31 regular nominations and 2 resubmissions. All have been approved by the state review board and the owners have been informed of our intent to nominate.

Metropolitan Block
Athens Governmental Buildings
Boesel, Adolph, House
Herron Gymnasium
Maltby, Henry, House
Hruby Conservatory of Music
Crawfis Institute
Hock-Hocking Wine Cellar
Otterbein Mausoleum
Shepard Street School
Madam Fredin's Eden Park School
Thomson, Peter G., Residence
Lincoln School
Keystone Furnace
Mill Road Bowstring Bridge
Courthouse Center
Pennsylvania Railway Station
Warner Theater
Parmelee House
Adams, George W. House
Rider, Adam, House
Anderson, William M., House
St. Peters Church
Higby House
Industrial Buildings of Tiffin
Michaels Farm

Allen County
Athens County
Auglaize County
Butler County
Butler County
Cuyahoga County
Fairfield County
Fairfield County
Franklin County
Franklin County
Hamilton County
Hamilton County
Hamilton County
Jackson County
Knox County
Licking County
Licking County
Mahoning County
Medina County
Muskingum County
Muskingum County
Pickaway
Richland County
Ross County
Seneca County
Seneca County



Mr. Charles Herrington
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Loew-Define Grocery Store & Home
Elmwood Place
Mason House
Waernicke-Hille House & Store
✓ Wayne County Home

Stark County
Union County
Washington County
Washington County
Wayne County

Resubmissions

Lee, Samuel, House
Deed's Barn (listed property that
was relocated)

Coshocton County
Montgomery County

Let me know if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,



David L. Brook
State Historic Preservation Officer

DLB:cw

enclosures