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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic ~~The Elmira Collegiate Seminary/The Elmira Female College~~

and/or common  Elmira College Old Campus

*see letter 7/13/84*

2. Location

*roughly sub*  
generally bounded by College Ave., West Washington  
street & number Ave J, North Main<sup>St</sup> and Park Place  not for publication

city, town Elmira  vicinity of

state New York code 036 county Chemung code 017

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name The Trustees of Elmira College

street & number Elmira College

city, town Elmira  vicinity of state New York

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Chemung County Courthouse

street & number Lake Street

city, town Elmira state New York

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Statewide Inventory of  
title Historic Resources has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1983  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Div. for Historic Preservation

city, town Albany state New York

# 7. Description

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	date <u>NA</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

## Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Elmira College Old Campus is located in the city of Elmira, New York. A major city in New York's southern tier, Elmira is approximately seven miles from the Pennsylvania border and lies in the Chemung River Valley. Hills of considerable size surround<sup>ing</sup> the valley.

Elmira College encompasses a four-block area on thirty-eight acres in the northern portion of the city. The college has a main north/south street running through the middle of the campus. Between the campus and the downtown commercial district are many notable examples of nineteenth-century architecture including residences, churches, and commercial buildings. With future study, many of these structures may be found eligible for the National Register.

In 1979, representatives of the college, in consultation with the staff of the New York State Division for Historic Preservation, conducted a survey and inventory of college-related structures. Based upon the information provided by the survey/inventory, a concentration of buildings significant in the history of the college was identified.

The nominated area occupies twelve acres at the southwestern end of the campus. Boundaries were drawn to include all of the structures and property associated with Elmira College between 1855 and 1927 that retain substantial integrity and to exclude buildings unrelated to the college, modern college buildings (post 1948) to the south and west, and the site of historic structures that have been demolished to the north. A group of three large modern structures that are attached to Carnegie Hall (included) and to each other by a series of one-story connectors and enclosed arched walkways have also been excluded.

The nine structures (one of which is non-contributing) are sited in a park-like setting with many large mature trees, flower gardens and a one-acre pond. The majority of the nominated buildings (Fassett Commons, Cowles Hall, Mark Twain's Study, Gillett Hall, and Carnegie Hall) are situated around the pond in a semi-circle bordered by West Washington, North Main, and West Sixth Streets. The rest of the buildings (Hamilton House, Hamilton Hall, Tompkins Hall) enclose the circle along College Avenue (New York Route 328) and Park Place.

A variety of architectural styles are represented in the old campus area, reflecting the expansion and growth of the college from the mid-nineteenth century through the early twentieth century. The majority of the structures are built of brick with stone trim and range in size from two stories to four and one-half stories. Cowles Hall (1855), Gillett Hall (1892), and Fassett Commons (1917) exhibit Romanesque style architectural details such as monochromatic brick and stone, round arched openings, and elaborate corbelling. Designed to complement Cowles Hall, Fassett Commons was built in 1917 with an arched second story walkway connecting the two structures.

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Hamilton House (circa 1870) is a three-story clapboard residence that has been converted to serve as a college dormitory. It is characterized by an irregular roofline, decorative porches and balconies, and bay windows.

Carnegie Science Hall (1911) is an example of the refined Neoclassical Revival style popular during the early twentieth century. The structure is distinguished by symmetry of design, a smooth brick surface, a large portico and parapet, and decorative stone emblems and cartouches. Hamilton Hall (1926) and Tompkins Hall (1927) are fine examples of the Collegiate Gothic style design with their steeply pitched gable roofs, quatrefoil and trefoil tracery windows, tall chimneys and bay windows.

The last structure included within the nominated area is Mark Twain's Study, a small, octagonal, glass-enclosed pavilion located adjacent to the pond in the center of the old campus. Built in 1874, the structure is embellished with exposed bracing, brackets and decorative bargeboard indicative of the Stick style. Originally located on Quarry Farm in East Hill, Elmira (National Register listed 1975), the study was moved to its present location in 1952.

The appearance of Cowles Hall, the original building, was altered slightly in 1945 when the external chimneys were removed. The remaining buildings have not had any significant exterior alterations. Internal alterations to meet changing needs and regulations have occurred but the character of the old campus as a whole has been retained in terms of setting, scale, style, integrity and building use. The only non-contributing structure within the nominated area is Alumni Dormitory (1959). Tompkins Hall (1927) has a large, two-story, non-contributing wing added to the rear (west) of the structure in 1957.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Photo No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
Cowles Hall	#1-4	1855 This five-story, brick structure, designed by <u>Ward Farrar</u> , is an example of Romanesque style architecture. Central is a five-story octagon with a small wooden octagon cupola sitting on the top. From this octagon radiate three arms to the west, north, and south. The round-headed windows, symmetrically placed, have cast-iron lintels. The elaborate corbelling richly decorates the roofline of the brick structure and is repeated on the smaller octagon. On the <del>north</del> <sup>nor-th</sup> wing there is a tower-like effect and three dormers, front and rear. The main entrance is dominated by

*conflicting info. on p. 3, item # 8, third TP, underline*

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Photo No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
Cowles Hall (continued)		a two-story portico emphasized by a round-headed archway with massive keystone. Alterations: north wing added 1860; east arm added 1868; chimneys removed 1945; converted from dormitory to offices 1978.
Hamilton House	#5-8	<u>circa 1870</u> . This vernacular, three-story clapboard house with stone foundation has an irregular roofline and off-set chimney. The five-bay facade is characterized by a two-story, centrally located porch decorated with arched bracing and topped with projecting gable enclosing a Palladian style window. The front door is generous with a wide entablature and sidelights. The porch on the north side of the house has same decorative bracing. There are decorative balustrades over and in front of windows on first-story facade. The north and south sides have symmetrically placed windows, triangular dormers and a Palladian window. The building was converted from a single family residence to a college dormitory in 1922.
Mark Twain's Study	#9-12	<u>1874</u> . This one-story wooden octagonal gazebo, an example of Stick style architecture, was built to resemble a Mississippi Riverboat pilot house. Windows encircle the upper half of the octagon with decorative siding occupying the lower half. The roofline is highly decorative with bargeboard and pendants. Three steps lead to a double door. The chimney and foundation are fieldstone. Moved from Quarry Hill, East Hill to Elmira College campus in 1952.
Gillett Hall	#13-16	<u>1892</u> . Designed by Otis Dockstader of Dockstader and Considine, this Romanesque style structure is built of brick, stone and wood. The gable roof is characterized by two massive projecting gable ends and a smaller projecting gable in the center of the building. There are massive arches apparent over windows as well as design motifs on the facade. There is a variety of window shapes. All are symmetrically placed. A one-story wooden projecting portico is supported by four groups of columns on stone piers. Converted from music rooms to offices in 1958.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Photo No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
Carnegie Science Hall	#17-20b	1911. Edward L. Tillton designed this Neoclassical style four-story brick and stone structure. It is a rectangular block, with flat roof and symmetrically placed windows. The roofline has a rectilinear parapet front decorated with a massive cartouche and smaller decorative emblems equally distanced. There is a substantial elaborate entrance with round-headed doorway flanked by decorative columns. Although the facade is flat, the variety in the design of the brickwork gives depth and character to the building.
Fassett Commons	#21-24	1917. Designed by Pierce and Bickford, this Romanesque style, two-story building is a rectangular structure with a flat roof, two outside chimneys and corbeling along the roofline. The offset entrance is characterized by a large semi-circular overhead light emphasized by an arched structural opening. Although the windows are symmetrically placed, the first story paired windows have stone lintels, the second story windows have arched surrounds. A string course of stone divides the first and second story. An arched, second story walkway connects this building to Cowles Hall.
Tompkins Hall	#29-32a	1927. Designed by Coolidge, Shepley, Bulfinch and Abbot, the brick and stone exterior of this Collegiate Gothic style building has a controlled exterior with rectangular, symmetrically placed windows, hipped plain dormers, sharp, slate gable roof. Oriel windows are found on three sides. Quatrefoil windows illuminate the first story lounge area. The entrances are arched. Four huge chimneys and four towers interrupt the roofline. Non-contributing wing: twelve-bay, two-story, brick flat roof addition designed by Howard Haskell added to rear (west) of structure in 1957.
Alumni Dormitory		1959. This four-story dormitory residence was designed by Considine and Haskell, and built by Streeter Associates, Inc. <u>Non-contributing.</u>
Hamilton Hall	#25-28	1926. Brick, Collegiate Gothic style building designed by Coolidge, Shipley, Bulfinch and Abbot of Boston. Features include slate gable roofs; hand-carved stone work, including finials, sunbursts, family crests and college name; and various window shapes, including rectangular round-headed, trefoil, quatrefoil and oriel. Chimney with four flues on the west end; circular bell tower dominates southern elevation.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1855-1927      **Builder/Architect** various

## Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Elmira College Old Campus is historically significant as the first college in the country to offer women a course of study and a degree in higher education comparable to that offered by men's colleges. Founded in 1855, Elmira College's success in promoting equal education for females served as a model for women's colleges founded later in the nineteenth century. The Elmira College Old Campus is architecturally significant as a well-preserved collection of structures exhibiting a variety of nineteenth and early twentieth century architectural styles constructed by regionally and nationally prominent architects. Built between 1855 and 1927, the complex represents the historic core of the campus. The richness of detail, the juxtaposition of styles, and the remarkable integrity of the structures results in a distinctive group of buildings reflecting the origin and growth over fifty years of this important educational institution. The nine-building complex also includes Mark Twain's Study, moved to the campus in 1952, historically significant for its association with nineteenth-century American author Mark Twain.

The city of Elmira was incorporated in 1828 at the time the Chemung Canal was completed. Construction of both the Chemung Canal, connecting the Chemung River with Seneca Lake, and the Erie Canal stimulated trade in the area. This transportation network, combined with the completion of the New York and Erie Railroad in 1849, proved advantageous to Elmira's development. By the late 1840's when the north/south railroad connections were completed, Elmira found itself the hub of the railroad network. Its position as a transportation center resulted in a century of commerce and prosperity for Elmira.

On April 21, 1851, a number of prominent men met in the Second Reformed Dutch Church in Albany to discuss the idea of a college for women that offered advantages equal to those provided for men. The result of this meeting was the chartering of Auburn Female University in 1852. In 1853, several locally prominent Elmira residents argued for the relocation of the college to Elmira and as a result, a charter was received from the Regents of the University of the State of New York for the Elmira Collegiate Seminary. A new charter granted in April 1855 designated the institution as Elmira Female College and stipulated that "no degree shall be conferred without a course of study equivalent to that pursued in the colleges in this State." The charter further upheld the standards of the college by subjecting it to periodic visits by the New York State Regents.<sup>1</sup> The cornerstone was laid on July 6, 1854; the college was

<sup>1</sup>Esther V. Hansen, "Which Was the First Women's College?" Vassar Alumni Magazine, May, 1957, page 17.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Elmira

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UTM References

A 

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Zone		Easting				Northing				

### Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached site map with a scale of 1" = 100'.

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

state	code	county	code
NA			

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name/title Janette Johnstone See continuation sheet

organization Div. for Historic Preservation date 6/84

street & number Agency Bldg. 1, Empire State Plaza telephone 518-474-0479

city or town Albany state New York

# 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 Julia S. Stohr

title Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation date 7/10/84

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

for Melissa Byers  
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the National Register

date 8-23-84

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Registration

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dedicated in September 1855 and opened in October with an enrollment of 242 students. Although other female colleges were in existence, Elmira College retains the distinction of being the first institution to have admission and degree requirements for women that were equal to those offered by men's colleges at the time.

The founding of the college in Elmira was due in part to the efforts of several prominent citizens. Miss Clara Thurston was one of the town's leading advocates of higher education for women. Thurston arrived in Elmira in 1847 after teaching in several states and opened a "Female Seminary." According to local historical sources, the success of the Female Seminary and the high regard for female education held by the people of Elmira facilitated the start of Elmira College in 1853. Simon Benjamin, a local businessman, was the college's earliest benefactor with his generous gift of \$55,000. Benjamin had made his fortune in the dry goods industry in New York City before moving to Elmira in 1835. Through successful investments in real estate and business affairs, Benjamin became one of Elmira's wealthiest citizens. His interest in institutions of higher learning led Benjamin to make generous donations to several colleges throughout the state. From the opening of Elmira College in 1855 until his death in 1868, Benjamin served as president of the board of trustees. In his will, he bequested an additional \$25,000 to the college.

Elmira's prosperity from the Civil War to the 1920s was reflected in the college's growth and expansion. After construction of the initial building in 1855, additions were made in 1892, 1901, 1916-17, and 1926-27. Construction then ceased until 1948, when twelve major building projects were completed between 1954 and 1974.

Architecturally, the buildings of the Elmira College Old Campus are excellent stylistic representatives of the periods in which they were built. The earliest structure, Cowles Hall, built in 1855, was based on the octagonal concept originated by Orson Fowler and popularized during the mid-nineteenth century. A phrenologist and prolific writer, Fowler claimed that the octagonal plan enclosed more floor area and offered a more functional interior. Cowles Hall once served as the entire physical plant of the college, containing student rooms, parlors, dining facilities, laboratories, library, classrooms, and a chapel. Cowles Hall and Gillett Hall, built in 1892, exhibit decorative features characteristic of the Romanesque Revival style popular in the mid- and late-nineteenth century for large government and institutional buildings. Both buildings are presently used as offices. In 1917, Fassett Commons was built to the rear of Cowles Hall and adjoined to it by a covered walkway. Containing classrooms and offices, Fassett Commons duplicates the Romanesque Revival style detailing of Cowles Hall.

Hamilton House (circa 1870) is a representative example of picturesque residential architecture of the mid-nineteenth century. The structure features an irregular roofline, projecting gables, and decorative porch railings. Originally built as a private residence, Hamilton House has served as student housing since the early twentieth century.

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Built in 1874, Mark Twain's Study was designed to resemble a Mississippi steamboat pilot house with its Stick style features. The structure is distinguished by its octagonal design, decorative bargeboard, exposed bracing, and massive exterior stone chimney. The study served as the summer work place of the famous nineteenth-century American author Samuel Clemens (1835-1910), known by his pseudonym, Mark Twain. The structure was built specifically for Clemens by his wife's sister, Mrs. Theodore Langdon Crane, who occupied the Langdon family homestead known as Quarry Farm (National Register listed 1975), situated in East Hill, Elmira. Clemens and his family spent their summers at Quarry Farm from the 1870s to the 1890s. Originally located at Quarry Farm, the study was moved to the Elmira College Campus in 1952 to protect it from vandalism. The structure is historically significant in American literary history for its association with the life and work of Mark Twain; for, it was here that he produced some of his most significant works. Among the products of his summer labor in the study are parts of Roughing It, Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The Prince and the Pauper, A Tramp Abroad, Life on the Mississippi, and A Connecticut Yankee at King Arthur's Court. Clemens also completed nearly all of his most famous work, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, in the study. Occupying a position in the center of campus, Mark Twain's Study is open to tourists during the summer months and used by the college in its summer session.

The campus buildings constructed after 1900 reflect two strains of architecture popular during the beginning of the twentieth century: the refined Classical taste evidenced by the Neoclassical Revival and the intellectual aura associated with the Collegiate Gothic style. Constructed in 1911, Carnegie Science Hall reflects the Neoclassical Revival style with its monumental proportions and entrance portico. Hamilton Hall (1926) and Tompkins Hall (1927) are distinctive examples of the Collegiate Gothic style which came to dominate college architecture in the early twentieth century. Both buildings are distinguished by projecting gables, steeply pitched roofs, and Tudor-arched entrances.

Many of the old campus structures were built by regionally and nationally known architects. Little is known regarding E.L. Barber, the local architect of Cowles Hall. Otis Dockstader, architect of Gillett Hall, was trained as a civil engineer and started his architectural career as a draftsman in the office of prominent Elmira architect Warren H. Hayes. From 1883 to 1890, Dockstader was in partnership with Joseph H. Pierce. The Elmira firm specialized in domestic and church architecture, designing over twenty Gothic and Romanesque style churches throughout western New York and eastern Pennsylvania. By 1889, the firm was highly successful and had designs appearing in architectural journals throughout the country. Disagreements between the partners led to the firm's demise in 1890. Unfortunately, little is known regarding Dockstader's career after this point. Gillett Hall, one of his few known works after 1890, reflects Dockstader's ability to achieve a picturesque effect even with the bold massing and monochromatic details of the Romanesque style.

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After leaving the firm of Pierce and Dockstader, Joseph H. Pierce went into partnership with Hiram H. Bickford. The firm of Pierce and Bickford played a role in designing five of the structures within the district. They designed Fassett Commons and served as consulting local architects in the design and construction of Carnegie Science Hall, Tompkins Hall, and Hamilton Hall. In their prolific practice, Pierce and Bickford defined the architectural character of Elmira between 1890 and 1932 when their designs for several hundred local structures were executed in a variety of architectural styles. Among their most notable structures in the city are City Hall (1894), the Century Club (1906), the YMCA (1926), and the Armory (1886) which were listed on the National Register in 1980 as part of the Elmira Civic Historic District. The firm also designed public libraries and educational buildings throughout western New York and eastern Pennsylvania. In addition, their designs appeared in architectural journals throughout the country as they achieved national recognition for what they loosely termed "Renaissance" architecture.<sup>2</sup>

Edward L. Tillton, designer of Carnegie Science Hall, was a prominent New York City architect specializing in libraries and educational buildings. Tillton was famous for his competition winning design for the U.S. Immigration Station on Ellis Island in 1900. Tillton was one of the many architects chosen by Andrew Carnegie to design educational institutions throughout the country in the early twentieth century.

The Boston firm of Coolidge, Shepley, Bulfinch, and Abbott were nationally recognized as the successor firm to that of H.H. Richardson, one of the most prominent American architects of the late nineteenth century. The firm was famous in its own right for its design of many prominent civic structures, hospitals, and educational buildings. The Collegiate Gothic style Tompkins Hall (1927) and Hamilton Hall (1926) are fine examples of their work. The firm maintains its headquarters in Boston.

The Elmira College Old Campus recalls Elmira's long historical association with the concept of equality for women in education. Rich in detail and varied in style, the old campus buildings survive with a high degree of integrity in their original campus setting to reflect the growth and development of an institution that is a landmark in the history of American higher education.

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<sup>1</sup>Roger Reed, Pierce and Bickford, Elmira, New York, 1890-1932  
(New York: Chemung County Historical Society, 1983), page 11.

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Chemung County  
NEW YORK

Working No. JUL 25 1984  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85  
Date Due: 8/23/84 - 9/8/84  
Action:  ACCEPT 8-23-84  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

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

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

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State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



COWLES HALL

Elmira College OLD CAMPUS

Elmira, Chemung County, NY

May, 1983 - Dave Fairweather

Elmira College Alumni Office (near)

Cowles Hall - view from west, west elevation

Photo #1



Elmira College

OLD CAMPUS

Elmira, Chemung Co. NY

May 1983 - Dave Fairweather

Elmira College Alumni Office (negs)

Cowles Hall

View from southwest - south elevation

Photo #2



Elmira College OLD CAMPUS

Elmira, Chemung Co. NY

May 1983 - Dave Fairweather

Elmira College Alumni Office (neqs.)

view from east - east elevation - Cowles Hall

Photo #3 JFA



Elmira College **OLD CAMPUS**  
Elmira, Chemung Co., NY  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Elmira College Alumni Office (negs.)  
Cowles Hall  
view from Northwest  
Photo #4



Elmira College OLD CAMPUS  
Elmira, Chemung Co., NY  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Elmira College Alumni Office (negs.)  
Hamilton House on House  
#5 1870  
view from east



Elmira College *Old Campus*  
Elmira, Chemung Co. NY  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Elmira College Alumni Office (neqs.)  
Hamilton House  
#6  
view taken from north



Elmira College *Old Campus*  
Elmira, Chemung Co. NY  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Elmira College Alumni Office (negs.)

Hamilton House  
view from west *House c. 1870*

#7



Elmira College *Old Campus*

Elmira, Chemung Co., NY

May 1983 - Dave Fairweather

Elmira College Alumni Office (negs.)

view from west

#8



Elmira College *Old Campus*  
Elmira, Chemung Co., NY  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Elmira College Alumni Office (negs.)  
Mark Twain's Study  
view from west

#9



Elmira College Old Campus  
Elmira, Chemung Co., NY  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Elmira College Alumni Office (neqs.)  
Mark Twain's Study  
view from south

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Elmira College *Old Campus*  
Elmira, Chemung Co., NY  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Elmira College Alumni Office (negs.)  
Mark Twain's Study  
view from east

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Elmira College Old Campus  
Elmira, Chemung Co., NY  
Elmira College Alumni Office (negs.)  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Mark Twain's Study  
view from the east

#12



Elmira College Old Campus

Elmira, Chemung Co. NY

May 1983 - Dave Fairweather

Elmira College Alumni Association (negs.)

Gillett Hall

view from west

#13



Elmira College Old Campus

Elmira, Chemung Co., NY

May 1983 - Dave Fairweather

Elmira College Alumni Asso. Office (negs)

Gillett Hall

view from north

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Elmira College Old Campus  
Elmira, Chemung Co., NY  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Elmira College Alumni Office (negs.)  
Gillett Hall  
view from east

#15



Elmira College Old Campus  
Elmira, Chemung Co., NY  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Elmira College Alumni Office (negs.)  
Gillett Hall  
view from south

#16



#6. Carnegie Science Hall 1911

Elmira College Old Campus

Elmira, Chemung Co., NY

May 1983 - Dave Fairweather

Elmira College Alumni Office (neqs.)

Carnegie Science Hall

view from the west

#17



Elmira College Old Campus  
Elmira, Chemung Co., NY  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Elmira College Alumni Office (negs.)  
Carnegie Science Hall  
view from northwest

#18



Elmira College Old Campus  
Elmira, Chemung Co., NY Science Hall  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Elmira College Alumni Office (negs.)  
Carnegie Science Hall  
view from east

#19



Elmira College Old Campus  
Elmira, Chemung Co., NY  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Elmira College Alumni Office (negs.)  
Carnegie Science Hall  
view from southeast

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Elmira College Old Campus  
Elmira, Chemung Co., NY  
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Science Building (NON-CONTRIBUTING)  
and Carnegie Hall (1911)  
#20a



WHITE PINE COLLEGE  
SCHOOL BUILDING

Elmira College Old Campus  
Elmira, Chemung Co., NY  
Photo: J. Howell, May 1984  
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View: Kolker Science Building  
(NON-CONTRIBUTING) connected to  
Carnegie Hall (1911)  
#20b



Elmira College Old Campus

Elmira, Chemung Co., NY

May 1983 - Dave Fairweather

Elmira College Alumni Office (negs)

Fassett Commons

view from the north

#21



Elmira College Old Campus  
Elmira, Chemung Co., NY  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Elmira College Alumni Office (negs)  
Fassett Commons  
view from the west

#29



Elmira College Old Campus  
Elmira, Chemung Co., NY  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Elmira College Alumni Office (neqs.)  
Fassett Commons

view from the southwest

#23



Elmira College Old Campus  
Elmira, Chemung Co., NY  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Elmira College Alumni Office (negs.)  
Fassett Commons  
view from east

#24



Elmira College Old Campus  
Elmira, Chemung Co., NY  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Elmira College Alumni Office (negs.)  
Hamilton Hall  
view from the east

#25



Elmira College Old Campus  
Elmira, Chemung Co, NY  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Elmira College Alumni Office (neqs)  
Hamilton Hall  
view from the North

#26



Elmira College Old Campus  
Elmira, Chemung Co., NY  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Elmira College Alumni Office (negs)  
Hamilton Hall  
view from northwest

#27



Elmira College Old Campus

Elmira, Chemung Co., NY

May 1983 - Dave Fairweather

Elmira College Alumni Association (neq)

Hamilton Hall

view from southeast

#28



TOMPKINS HILL

Elmira College Old Campus

Elmira, Chemung Co., NY

May 1983 - Dave Fairweather

Elmira College Alumni Office (negs)

Tompkins Hall

view from the east

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Elmira College *Old Campus*

Elmira, Chemung Co. NY

May 1983 - Dave Fairweather

Elmira College Alumni Asso. Office (*negs*)

Tompkins Hall

view from the northwest

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Elmira College Old Campus

Elmira, Chemung Co., NY

May 1983 - Dave Fairweather

Elmira College Alumni Office (negs.)

Tompkins Hall

view from the west

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Elmira College Old Campus  
Elmira, Chemung County, NY  
May 1983 - Dave Fairweather  
Elmira College Alumni Office (negs.)  
Tompkins Hall  
view from the southwest

#32



ELMIRA COLLEGE  
SPEECH & HEARING  
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Elmira College Old Campus  
Elmira, Chemung Co., NY  
Photo: J. Howell, May 1984  
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View: Perry Hall (NON-CONTRIBUTING)  
connected to Tompkins Hall (1927)  
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Elmira College Old Campus

Elmira, Chemung Co., NY Dormitory 1959

May 1983 - Dave Fairweather

Elmira College Alumni Association (negs.)

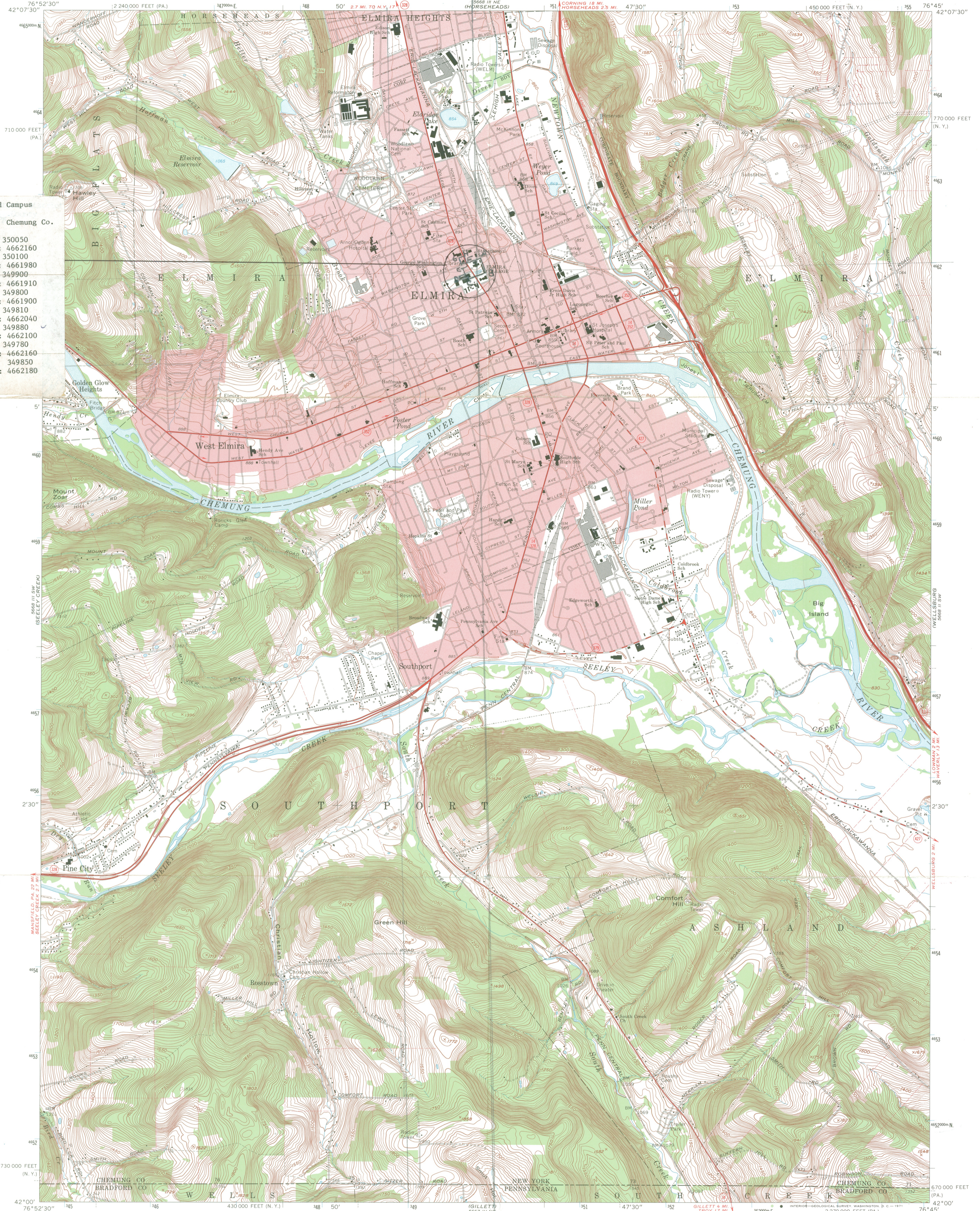
Alumni Dormitory

NON-CONTRIBUTING

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Elmira College Old Campus

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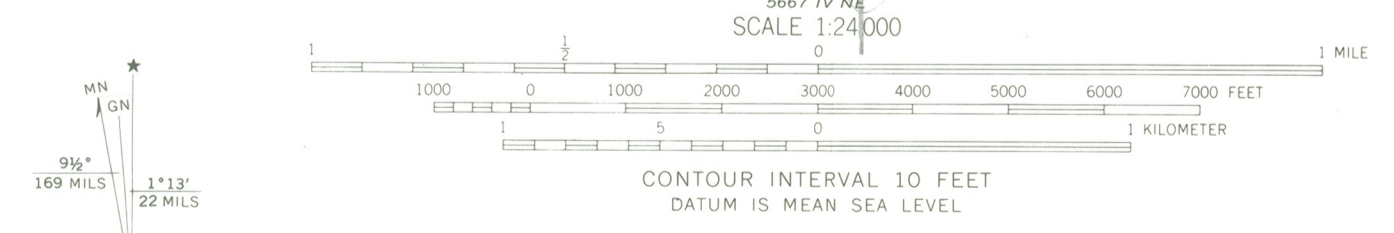
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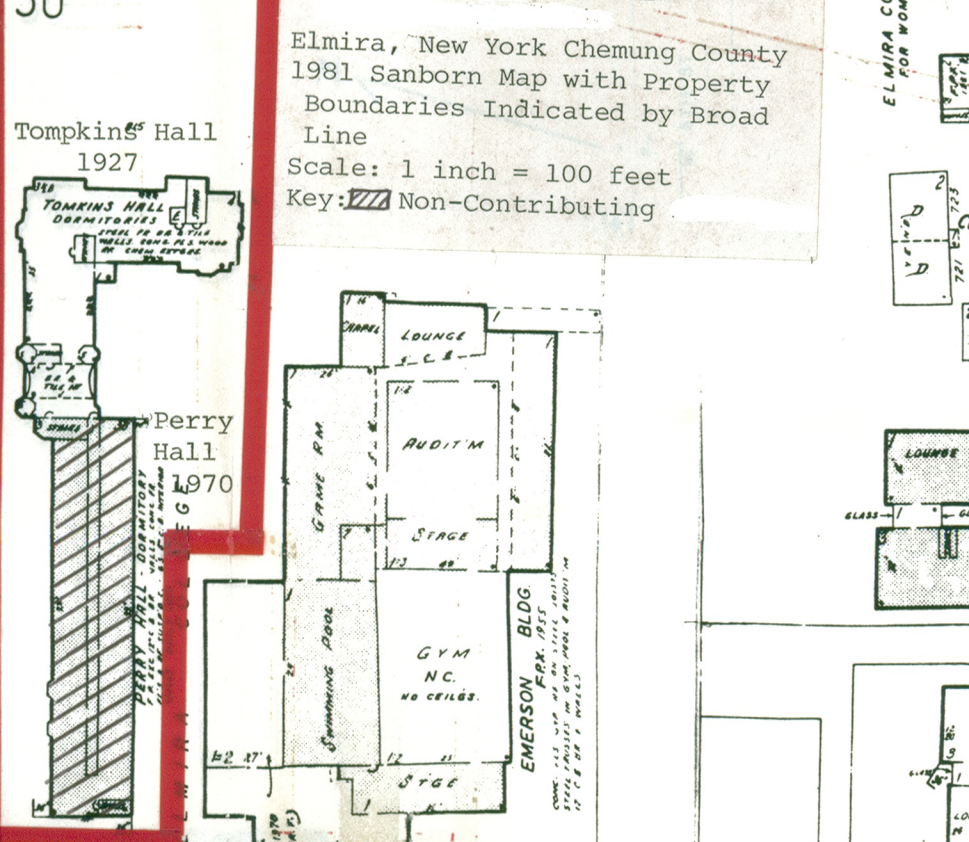
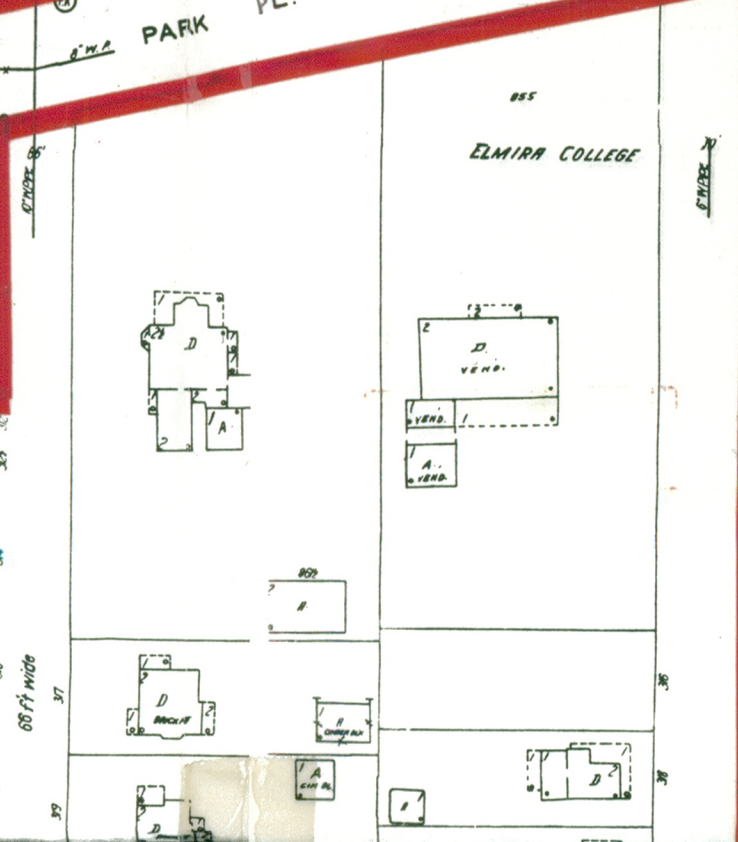
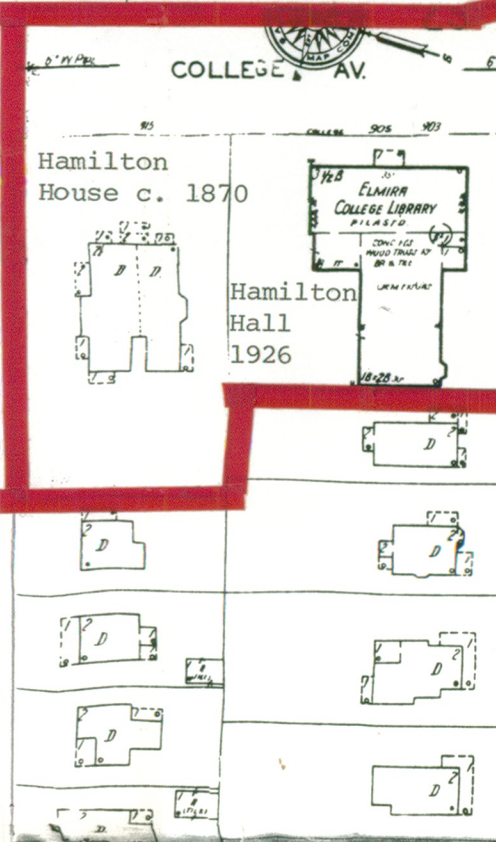
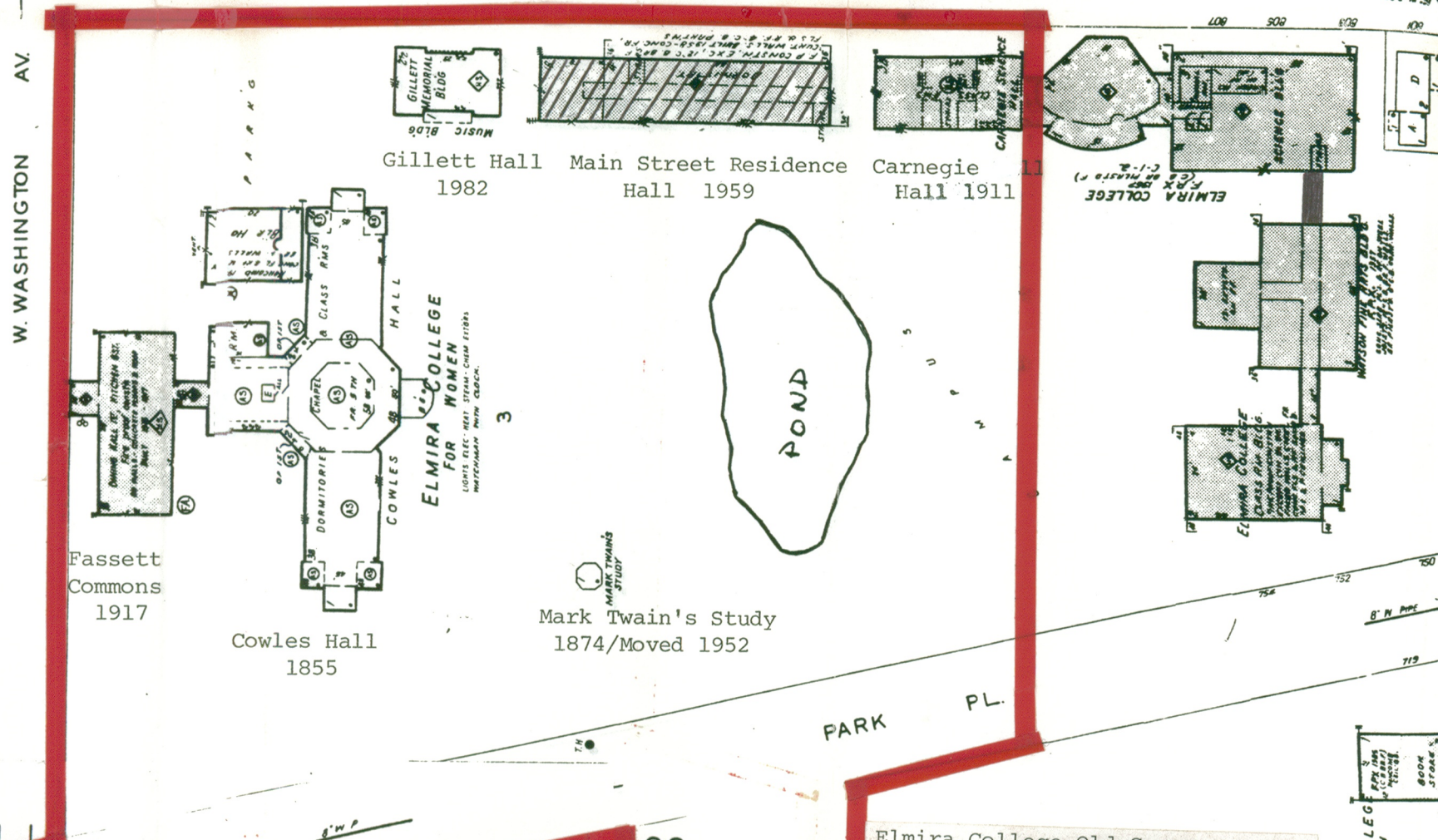
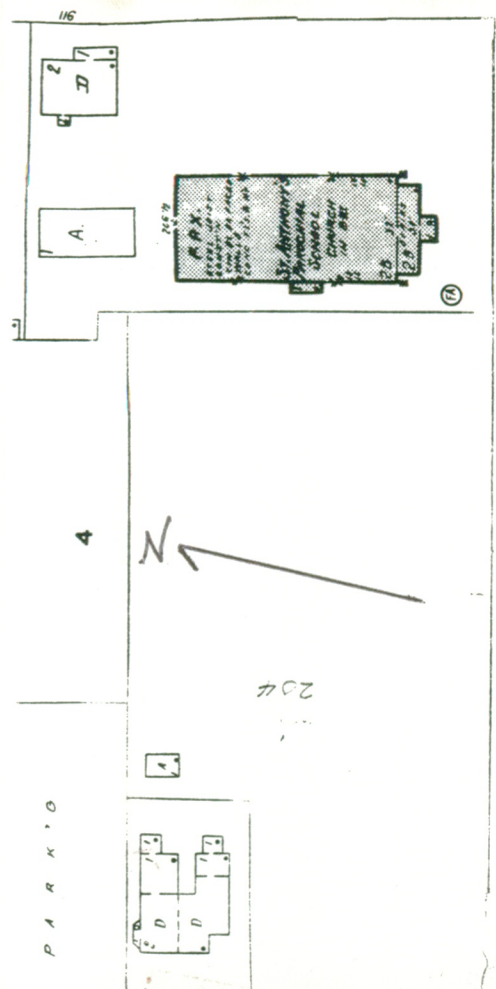
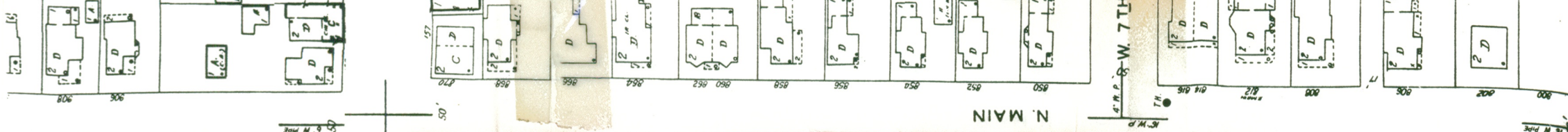
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Elmira College Old Campus  
 Elmira, New York Chemung County  
 1981 Sanborn Map with Property  
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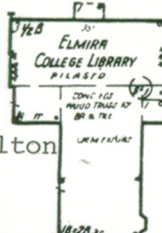
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ELMIRA COLLEGE

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Hamilton House c. 1870

Hamilton Hall 1926



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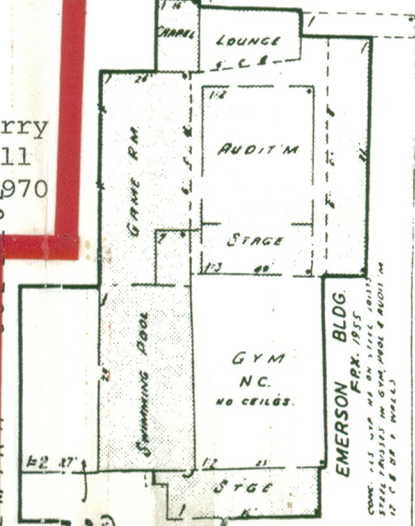
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ELMIRA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN  
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 MATCHED WITH CLOCK.

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Tompkins Hall 1927

Perry Hall 1970



ELMIRA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

LOUNGE

EMERSON BLDG. FRX. 1957  
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Dear

Dear Mr. Lehman,

I am writing in

support of the nomination  
for the Elmira College  
Historic District. Historically  
Elmira College has  
a primary position for  
being the first school  
to offer college degrees  
to women comparable  
to men's degrees. Archi-  
tecturally, it is  
unique in its variety  
and integrity.

I pray the Advisory  
Council on Historic

Observation will not  
be made on this  
nomination.

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Sincerely,  
Janet F. Howell  
(Mrs. Fred E.)

user





# Near Westside Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Cor. Church & Davis Sts., Elmira, NY 14905 (607)733-4924.  
(Grace Episcopal Church)

July 6, 1983

*Approved*

Mr. Orin Lehman  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Historic Preservation Field Service Bureau  
Agency Building #1  
Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12238



Dear Mr. Lehman,

It has come to our attention that Elmira College, Elmira New York, is being considered by the state of New York for listing as a Historic District.

Elmira College has played an important role in the community as an institution for higher learning, and has contributed to the social, economic, and architectural values of the area.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Near Westside Neighborhood Association, Inc., I pledge our support for this nomination.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Naples  
Executive Director

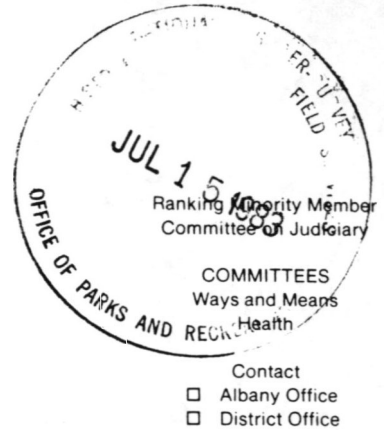
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THE ASSEMBLY  
STATE OF NEW YORK  
ALBANY

GEORGE H. WINNER, JR.  
ASSEMBLYMAN 126TH DISTRICT  
Room 633  
Legislative Office Building  
Albany, New York 12248

District Office  
Room 201  
The Armory  
307 Church Street  
Elmira, New York 14901



July 8, 1983

Ms. Jan Johnston  
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and  
Historical Preservation  
Agency Building #1  
Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12238

Dear Ms. Johnston:

RE: Elmira College-  
Historic District  
Designation

The purpose of this letter is to endorse the application of Elmira College, which is located in my Assembly District, for the designation of certain of its main campus buildings as a "Historic District."

It is my belief that such a designation of the college's buildings would be consistent with the Parks & Receptions Law as well as the National Historic Preservation Act.

Given your office's long standing commitment to assist in the recognition and preservation of historically and culturally significant structures in the Empire State, I trust that Elmira College's application for designation will receive all due consideration.

Should you desire any further information regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

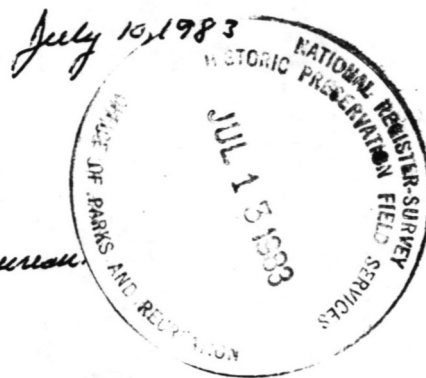
Very truly yours,

George H. Winner, Jr.  
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY

cpk

cc Commissioner Lehman  
Harriet Sophia

PHILLIP G. KELLIHER  
764 STONEYBROOK ROAD  
ELMIRA, NEW YORK 14905



Ms. Janette Johnstone

Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau

Dear Ms. Johnstone,

as a citizen of Elmira for 20 years, I  
would like to add a seconding to the nomination  
of Elmira College's several buildings and the Moores  
home for the creation of an historic district here  
in Elmira

Both former mayor Edward Moores and  
Elmira College have been vital, progressive influences  
in our community for many, many years. The creation  
of this district would certainly be a just and fitting,  
and lasting recognition of these factors.

Very truly yours,

Phillip G. Kelliher

Trustee, Elmira College

Secy & past president Elmira College Council  
asst to the President, Elmira College.



## CHEMUNG COUNTY

*John H. Hazlett Building*

205 LAKE STREET  
ELMIRA, NEW YORK 14901

July 11, 1983

ROBERT G. DENSBERGER  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

G. THOMAS TRANTER, JR.  
DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE



Janette Johnstone  
Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau  
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation  
Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12238

Dear Ms. Johnstone:

I firmly believe that Elmira College should be nominated to the National and State Registers of Historic Places. Elmira College meets the criteria for evaluation in that the College has played a significant role in American History as well as the American educational system.

Receiving its current charter in 1855, and graduating to first class in 1859, Elmira College is recognized as the first women's college to award degrees equivalent to those awarded to men in other schools. That first graduating class changed forever American educational patterns to where women now make up more than half of all college graduates.

Surely, an institution with such lasting impact on American society deserves a place on the National and State Registers of Historic places. Again, I strongly recommend nomination of Elmira College to the Registers.

Sincerely,

*Robert G. Densberger*  
Robert G. Densberger  
County Executive

RGD/jj



# ELMIRA STAMPING & MANUFACTURING Co.

DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL SERVICE CORPORATION

**1704 CEDAR STREET  
ELMIRA, NEW YORK 14904**

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July 11, 1983



Ms. Janette Johnstone  
Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau  
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation  
and Historic Preservation  
Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12238

Dear Ms. Johnstone:

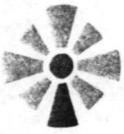
Please be advised that this letter constitutes a seconding for the nomination, as an historic district of the area on the Elmira College Campus including the Mooers' home and Cowles, Gillett, and Hamilton Halls.

Those of us from the Elmira, New York area appreciate the architectural and historical significance of these buildings and grounds and feel that we would be remiss if we did not lend our support for the preservation of same for future generations.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

George P. Zurenda  
President



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July 12, 1983

Ms. Janette Johnstone  
Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau  
New York State Office of Parks  
Recreation and Historic Preservation  
Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12238

Dear Ms. Johnstone:

I understand that Elmira College has requested that a historic district be created including Cowles, Gillett, Hamilton and the Mooers' home, and that this request will be acted upon at a meeting on July 28.

At this time, I wish to second this nomination as I believe it is in the good interest of the City of Elmira and the County of Chemung to have this historic district created.

Sincerely,

*William A. Tryon*

William A. Tryon

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July 12, 1983

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Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau  
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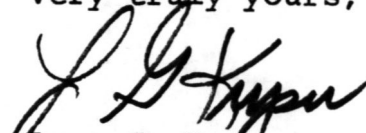
Re: Historic District of Elmira College

Dear Ms. Johnstone:

It is my understanding that the request for the creation of an Historic District including three buildings on the Elmira College Campus will be acted upon at a meeting on July 28, 1983, and if approved will be forwarded to Washington for consideration as a national historic district.

As a person familiar with and interested in the area, I wish to urge that careful consideration be given and that approval be granted to this request of the College.

Very truly yours,

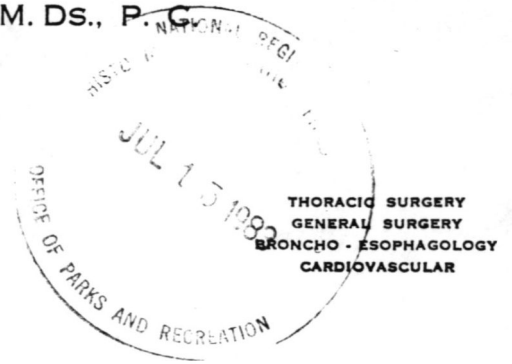
  
Lynn G. Keyser

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TILLOU, GOOD, CANTER & BORJA, M. DS., P. C.

600 IVY STREET  
ELMIRA, N. Y. 14905  
(607) 733-5501

ROBERT E. GOOD, M.D.  
RALPH S. CANTER, M.D.  
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July 12, 1983

Ms. Janette Johnstone  
Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau  
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and  
Historic Preservation  
Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12238

Dear Ms. Johnstone:

I would like to take this opportunity to second the request for the creation of a historic district, including Cowles, Gillett, Hamilton and the Mooers' home. It is my understanding that this request will be acted upon at a meeting on July 28th.

I am a practicing physician in Elmira, New York and a trustee of Elmira College, and I wish to have my name added to those firmly in agreement with this request and hope that it will be acted on favorably.

Sincerely,

  
ROBERT E. GOOD, M.D.

REG/bb

July 12, 1983

Ms Janette Johnstone  
Historic Preservation Field Service Bureau  
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation  
Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12238

Dear Ms Johnstone,

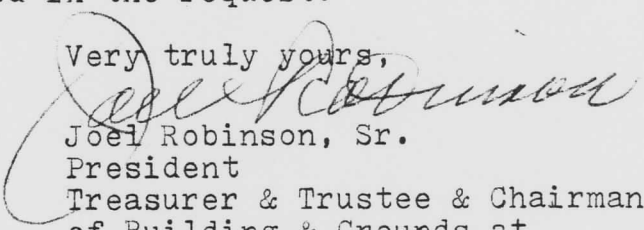
It is my understanding that Elmira College's request for the creation of an historical district will be considered by your Bureau at a meeting on July 28 instant.

As we look at the College and its beautiful buildings, some of which are 128 years old, it would seem to be exactly what the preservation of historic buildings is all about.

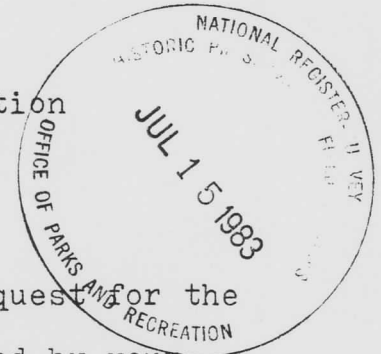
The College is faced with a wellnigh impossible task in maintaining these very old, but charming buildings.

I wish to urge the nomination of Elmira College for registration as an historical district by your committee. As someone very close to the College's physical plant, it appears to me to be the only solution for the buildings involved in the request.

Very truly yours,

  
Joel Robinson, Sr.  
President  
Treasurer & Trustee & Chairman  
of Building & Grounds at  
Elmira College

JR/jj



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July 12, 1983

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Re: Historic District, Elmira, New York

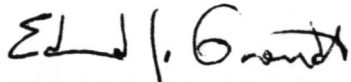
Dear Ms. Johnstone:

As a former trustee of Elmira College and a long-time resident of Elmira, I wish to write you regarding my thoughts in favor of the creation of a historic district here in Elmira.

The area, including Cowles Hall on Elmira College Campus, and Edward Mooers' home, are indeed a part of the history of Elmira. In addition, these graceful structures greatly enhance this area of Elmira as well as the college campus. Most assuredly, it is in the good interest of Elmira and the county to preserve these historic buildings.

I strongly support the creation of a historic district including these buildings.

Sincerely,

  
Edward J. Grandt, M.D.

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CITY OF ELMIRA NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



MARY PAT CICCARIELLO  
MAYOR

July 13, 1983

Ms. Janette Johnstone  
Historic Preservation Field Service Bureau  
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation  
and Historic Preservation  
Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12238

Dear Ms. Johnstone:

I am pleased to support the application of Elmira College for the creation of a historic district on and near its campus. The buildings are unique and very important to the history of women's higher education in this country.

Sincerely,

*Mary Pat Ciccariello*

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Mayor

MPC:sm

cc: Leonard T. Grant, President  
Elmira College



**New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation**

The Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza  
Agency Building 1 Albany, New York 12238

518-474-0456

July 13, 1984

Ms. Carol Shull  
National Register of Historic Places  
Interagency Resources Division  
National Park Service  
1100 L Street NW  
Room 6209  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Carol,

As the buildings included in the enclosed nomination are generally known locally as a part of the Elmira College campus, we would prefer that it be entered on the National Register under its common name, Elmira College Old Campus.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Larry E. Gobrecht  
National Register and  
Survey Coordinator  
Historic Preservation  
Field Services Bureau

Enc.

Cassetti/Klein Architects AIA

27 July 1983

Mr. Orin Lehman  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Historic Preservation Field Service Bureau  
Agency Building #1  
Governor Nelson Rockefeller Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12238

Dear Mr. Lehman:

I write to support the nomination of the Elmira College Historic District (Elmira, Chemung County) for inclusion on the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

The Elmira College District is a unique zone of historic interest including, as it does, a number of buildings which link our community to significant events in the history of education and letters. Moreover, its site, in the center of our community, is an architectural ensemble which should be at last recognized as a stable environment of historic architectural interest, as well. Its stability and preservation can only enhance the character and spirit of the City of Elmira.

I urge your positive review of this nomination and the designation of the Elmira College Historic District on the Registers of Historic Places.

Very truly yours,

*Ronald Cassetti*

Ronald Cassetti

RC:w

cc: Harriet Sophia, Director  
Elmira College Alumni Office

Ronald Cassetti, AIA  
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