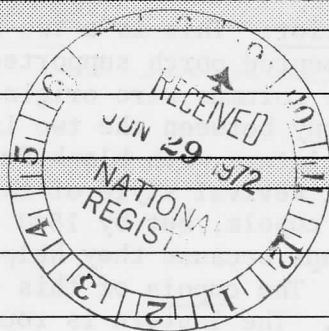


STATE: Ohio	
COUNTY: Lake	
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME

COMMON: Painesville City Hall
AND/OR HISTORIC: Old Lake County Courthouse

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 7 Richmond Street
CITY OR TOWN: Painesville
STATE: Ohio CODE: 039 COUNTY: Lake CODE: 085

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 type="checkbox"/> Object	<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
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<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 Painesville, Ohio
STREET AND NUMBER: 53 East Erie
CITY OR TOWN: Painesville STATE: Ohio CODE: 039

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Lake County Recorder
STREET AND NUMBER: 53 East Erie
CITY OR TOWN: Painesville STATE: Ohio CODE: 039

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey
DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 Federal State County Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: District of Columbia CODE: 011

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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

Exterior: This is a two-story brick building with cupola and two-story pedimented porch supported by four Doric columns. According to one account, these columns were originally square. Originally there was a second floor balcony between the two inner columns. Brick pilasters and a full entablature with blank frieze add to the effectiveness of the almost-pure Greek Revival style of the building. The one foreign element is, of course, the cupola, but by 1840 cupolas had become common for Ohio courthouses, perhaps because they helped give public buildings some degree of monumentality. The cupola of this building rests on a square base with an octagonal drum. The lantern is round. The cupola is today structurally weak.

The building has a north and a west addition. The large west addition, completed in 1961, is the Safety Center.

Interior: The interior of this structure has been considerably altered since the building was erected in 1840. Part of the changes were due to a change in the building's use from courthouse to city hall in 1909, and some were due to a fire about 25 years ago. The remainder have resulted from needed improvements to serve the public. The central first floor hall is ornamented by an original quarter-circle curved wooden door, with curved glass panes. Decorative wooden moldings are found on both the first and second floors. A library wall was installed during the 1860's in the City Manager's office. Most of the windows in the original structure have their original glass.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1840

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The structure is an outstanding example of the Greek Revival architecture then flourishing at the time of the establishment of Lake County. Widely, but probably erroneously, attributed to the well-known architect of this County, Jonathan Goldsmith, the building was constructed rapidly immediately following the separation of the present Lake County area from the then-existing Geauga County. The historical material at hand notes that as a result of differing interests on the part of residents of the northern parts of Geauga County, along the southern shore of Lake Erie, a move was launched to break off and form a new County. Temporarily stymied by a large acreage requirement to form a County, the separationists shrewdly decided to claim the acreage of Lake Erie to its centerline. The ploy was successful, and in 1840 Lake County was formed, becoming the newest and the smallest of all Ohio counties. Painesville was selected as the county seat, and the enthusiastic citizens raised \$5,000 by public subscription even before the results were official, in order to construct a suitable courthouse. The contractor, Henry Wigglesworth, was reportedly unable to keep his costs within the subscribed funds, thus beginning a lamentable tradition that persists to this very day in Lake County. From the start, the structure has been complemented by a public square, deeded in perpetuity as a park, directly across Richmond Street.

Following the completion in 1909 of the new (and present) Lake County Courthouse to the northwest side of the public square, the 1840 building was converted into the Painesville City Hall.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Frary, I. T. Early Homes of Ohio. Richmond, Virginia: Garrett & Massie, Inc., 1936. (Reprinted by Dover Publications, Inc., New York, 1970). pp. 202-203.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 (city lot)

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: William P. Craig Administrative Assistant

ORGANIZATION: City of Painesville DATE: 4/14/72

STREET AND NUMBER: 7 Richmond Street

CITY OR TOWN: Painesville STATE: Ohio CODE: 039

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Daniel P. Porter

Title State Liaison Officer

Date 23 June 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

Date 7/24/72

ATTEST:

W. Bradford
Keeper of The National Register

Date 7/19/72

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

HB E 779560
2-17 N 4618960

PROPERTY Painesville City Hall STATE Ohio

Working number 6.29.72. 9-71



TECH REVIEW 72 001028

Photos 3

Maps 1

REVIEW

1-15-73

OK means 6/30/72

HISTORIAN

Okay, Sals 7/4/72

ARCHEOLOGIST

ARCHITECT

OK Chambers 7-18-72

BRANCH CHIEF

EDITORIAL REVIEW

OK CDA 7/14/72

KEEPER

Acknowledge 6/29/72

National Register write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Re-submit _____

Register no. JUL 24 1972

DATE OF RECEIPT 5/9/72 YES NO NUMBER REGISTER: JUN 5 1972

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5/17/72*

DIRECTOR, OAHP

EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: William M. McCulloch



NPS Number

7/24/72

Title:

PAINESVILLE CITY HALL
LAKE COUNTY

Loc.

VIEW FROM THE PUBLIC
SQUARE, LOOKING WEST

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PAINESVILLE CITY HALL

CITY HALL
ANNEX

NPS Number

7/24/72

Title:

PAINESVILLE City Hall
LAKE County

Loc.

View looking southwest,
showing the ITALIANATE
North Addition to the RIGHT

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



CITY OF MADISONVILLE

SAFETY CENTER
MUNICIPAL COURT
POLICE DEPARTMENT
FIRE DEPARTMENT

NO PARKING
FIRE DEPT.

NPS Number 6/24/72
Title: PAINESVILLE City Hall
LAKE COUNTY
Loc. VIEW FROM THE REAR,
LOOKING NORTHEAST

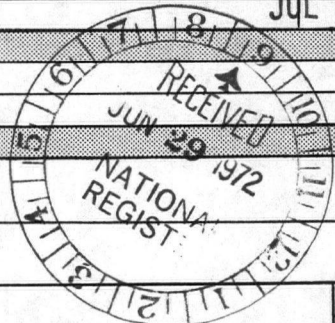
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE	
Ohio	
COUNTY	
Lake	
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Painesville City Hall
AND/OR HISTORIC: Old Lake County Courthouse

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
7 Richmond Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Painesville

STATE:	OHIO	CODE	039	COUNTY:	Lake	CODE	085
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3. MAP REFERENCE

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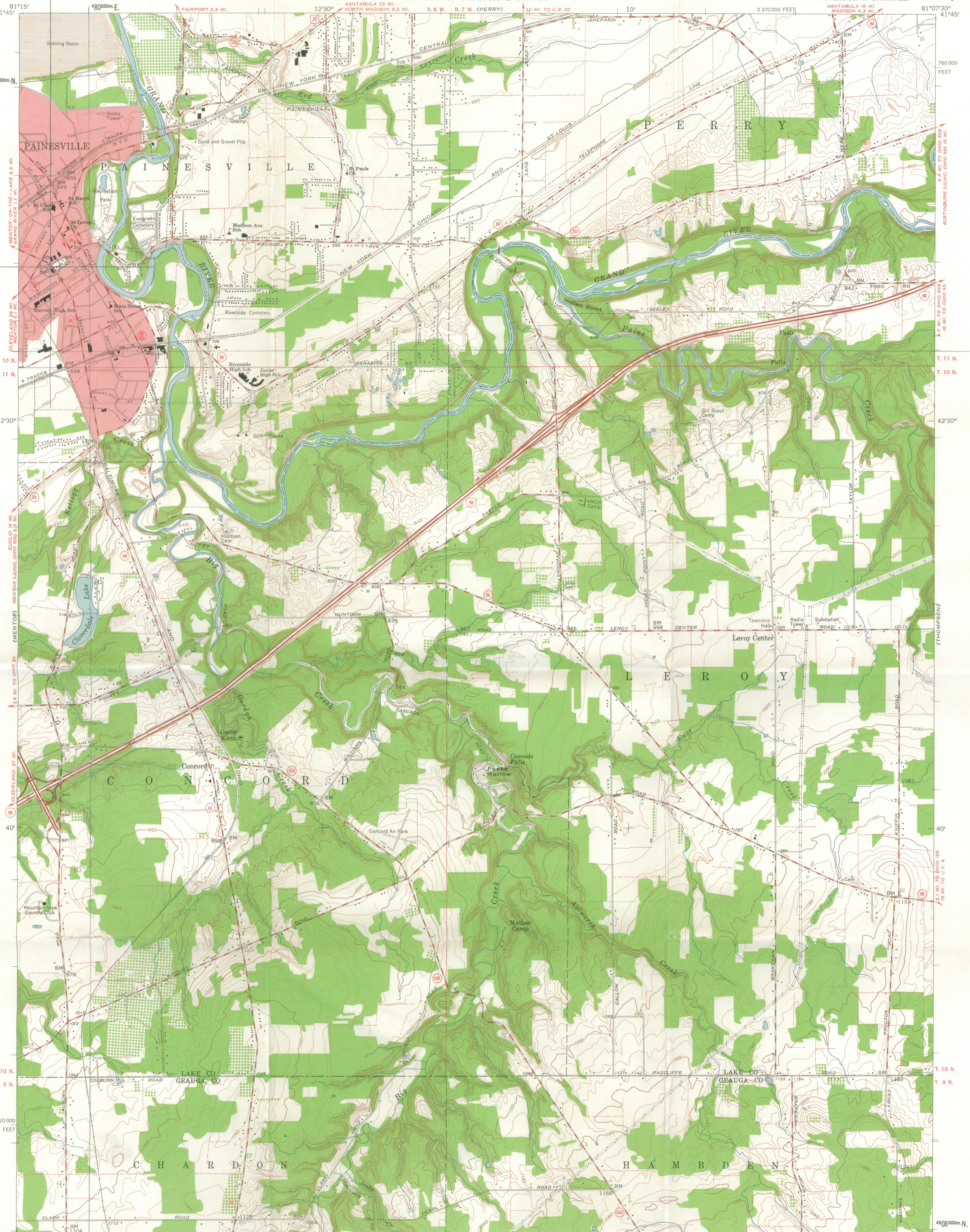
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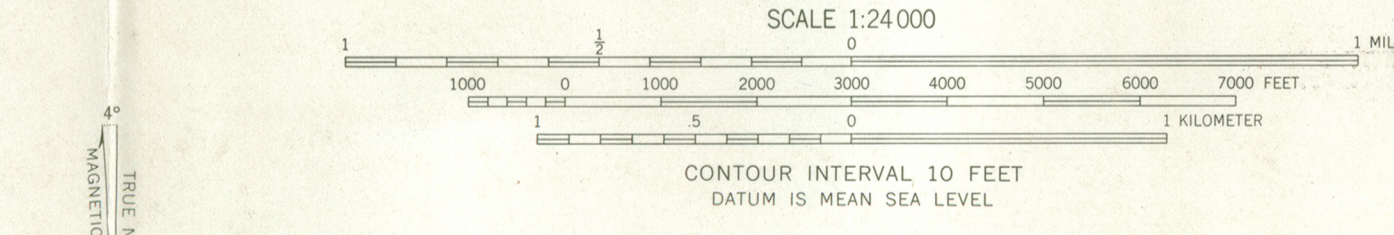
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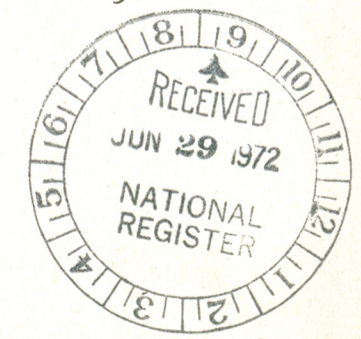
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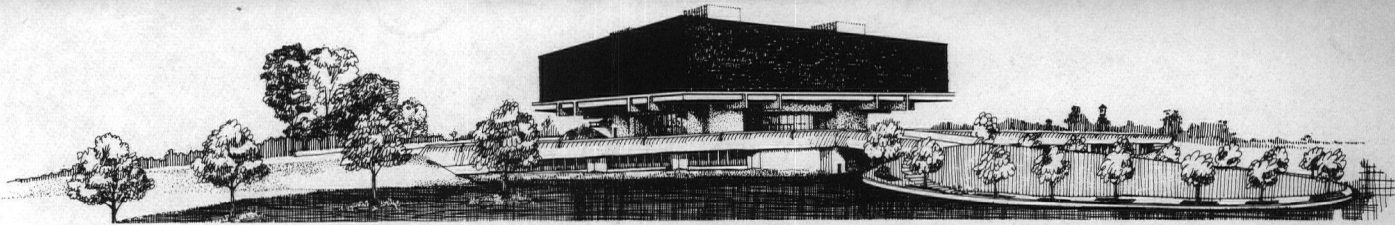
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PAINESVILLE, OHIO
NW 1/4 CHARDON 15' QUADRANGLE
N 4137.5 - W 8107.5 / 7.5
1960





Interstate 71 and 17th Avenue

the ohio historical society / ohio historical center / columbus, ohio 43211 / telephone (614) 469-4663

June 23, 1972

Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper
National Register
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
1100 L Street, N.W., Rm. 3209
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Bill:

Transmitted herewith is an emergency application for the National Register of Historic Places for the Painesville, Ohio, City Hall. The reason for the emergency is that the owner is seeking through HUD or other sources, restoration funding due to expire soon. Please note that this structure was recorded by HABS.

This is to certify that the subject application was approved by the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board at its most recent meeting.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Porter
Director

DRP/eg

Enc. NRHP Application, Painesville City Hall



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OHIO

Date Entered JUL 24 1972

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Square 13 District	Lancaster Fairfield County
Painesville City Hall	Painesville Lake County
Chestnut Ridge Farm	Lancaster vicinity Fairfield County
Albee Theater	Cincinnati Hamilton County

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Hon. Robert Taft, Jr.
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Hon. J. William Stanton
Hon. Donald D. Clancy
Director, Northeast Region

State Liaison Officer
Mr. Daniel R. Porter
Director
The Ohio Historical Society
Columbus, Ohio 43211

HR

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