

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Ohio
COUNTY:	Hancock
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	MAY 7 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Hancock County Courthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Findlay

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: **4th**

STATE: **Ohio** CODE: **039** COUNTY: **Hancock** CODE: **063**

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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 type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Hancock County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Hancock County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:
Findlay Ohio 039

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

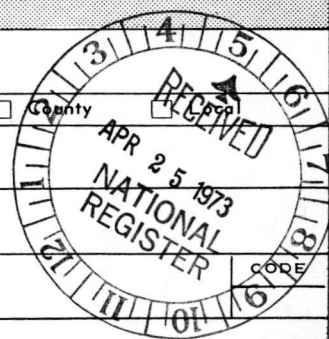
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

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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

The rock-faced stone Hancock County Courthouse was designed by the architectural firm of Weary and Kramer. The two story building was constructed from 1885-1888. The building rests on a stone foundation, and measures approximately one hundred feet square. A square tower is located in the center of the roof. The building is still in service and it is in good condition.

The first floor windows are rectangular, double-hung sash type. Two pedimented bays flank the projected center bay of the east side where the entrance is located. The entrance is round-arched, and covered by a portico. Stylized granite pilasters with Ionic capitals support the portico. There is a small stone balustrade on the roof of the portico.

The second floor windows are round arched. The pediments on the north and south bays project from the peak of the roof, and their centers are ornately incised. Above the center bay, is a sculpture group apparently denoting the human family. The roof is of slate and is gabled and hipped. The square tower rises about thirty feet above the peak of the roof. The shaft is pilastered and has louvered bays around it. The dome has a slate roof, and clock faces point in each direction. On the lantern is a statue.

The interior is well-finished. Cherry wainscoting is employed throughout. A cast iron staircase is located on the west side of the building. Most of the interior fixtures are original. This building abounds in stained glass. Each office doorway contains several ornate panels of stained glass, and there are many large, scattered windows of stained glass throughout the building. The interior is in excellent condition.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **built 1885-1888**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hancock County was formed on April 1, 1820, and was named for John Hancock, famous founding father of the United States. The county embraces approximately 540 square miles. The town of Findlay was laid out in 1821, and soon became the county seat.

The first courthouse was built circa 1840, but was a small structure. It became apparent after 1875 that a new building was needed. The county commissioners appointed the architectural firm of Weary and Kramer to design a new building. The old building was razed and Findlay contractor W. H. Campfield started the construction of the present structure in 1885. The building took three years to build, and cost \$289,344.00. The building was occupied in 1888, and it has remained the county courthouse ever since.

The building is still in good condition, and it appears that it will meet the needs of the county for many years to come.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Goeldner, Paul. List of 19th Century Courthouses in Ohio. Historic American Buildings Survey, National Park Service, Washington, D. C. 20240.
2. Howe, Henry, Historical Collections of Ohio, Cincinnati, 1902, State of Ohio.
3. Kimmel, J. A., M. D., 20th Century History of Findlay and Hancock County, Ohio, Chicago, 1910, Richmond-Arnold Publishing Company.

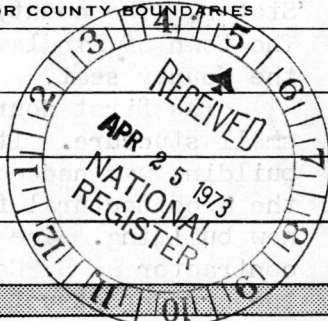
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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1 1/2 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Larry Alan Beers

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: **March 17, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
1932 Forest Village Lane

CITY OR TOWN: **Columbus** 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 [Signature]

Title Ohio Historic Presrv. Officer

Date 20 April 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

Date 5/7/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 5 2 73

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 277190
 4546290

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PROPERTY

Hancock County Courthouse STATE Ohio

WORKING NUMBER

4.25.73.2849

Hancock

7/12/73

TECH REVIEW

Photos 3

Maps 1

CONTROL REVIEW

CM
4-25-
73

OK

HISTORIAN

Good photographs!

Accept - AM2
4/26/73

Accept 4-27-73
C. Shurt

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
KH
4/26/73

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

OK
4/30/73

KEEPER

Wm
5/2

National Register write-up _____

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry 7-3-73

Re-submit _____

Entered MAY 7 1973

Good Photograph



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Title: Hancock County Courthouse

Loc. Hancock, Ohio

East side from south

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



NPS Number 5/7/73

Title: HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Loc. HANCOCK, Ohio

EAST SIDE

②

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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Title: Hancock County Courthouse

Loc. Hancock, Ohio

stained glass window on west side

of second floor

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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

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COMMON

Hancock County Courthouse

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NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)

MAY 7 1973

2. LOCATION

STATE

Ohio

COUNTY

Hancock

TOWN

Findlay

STREET AND NUMBER

Courthouse Square

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

USGS 7½' Series, Findlay
Quadrangle

DATE

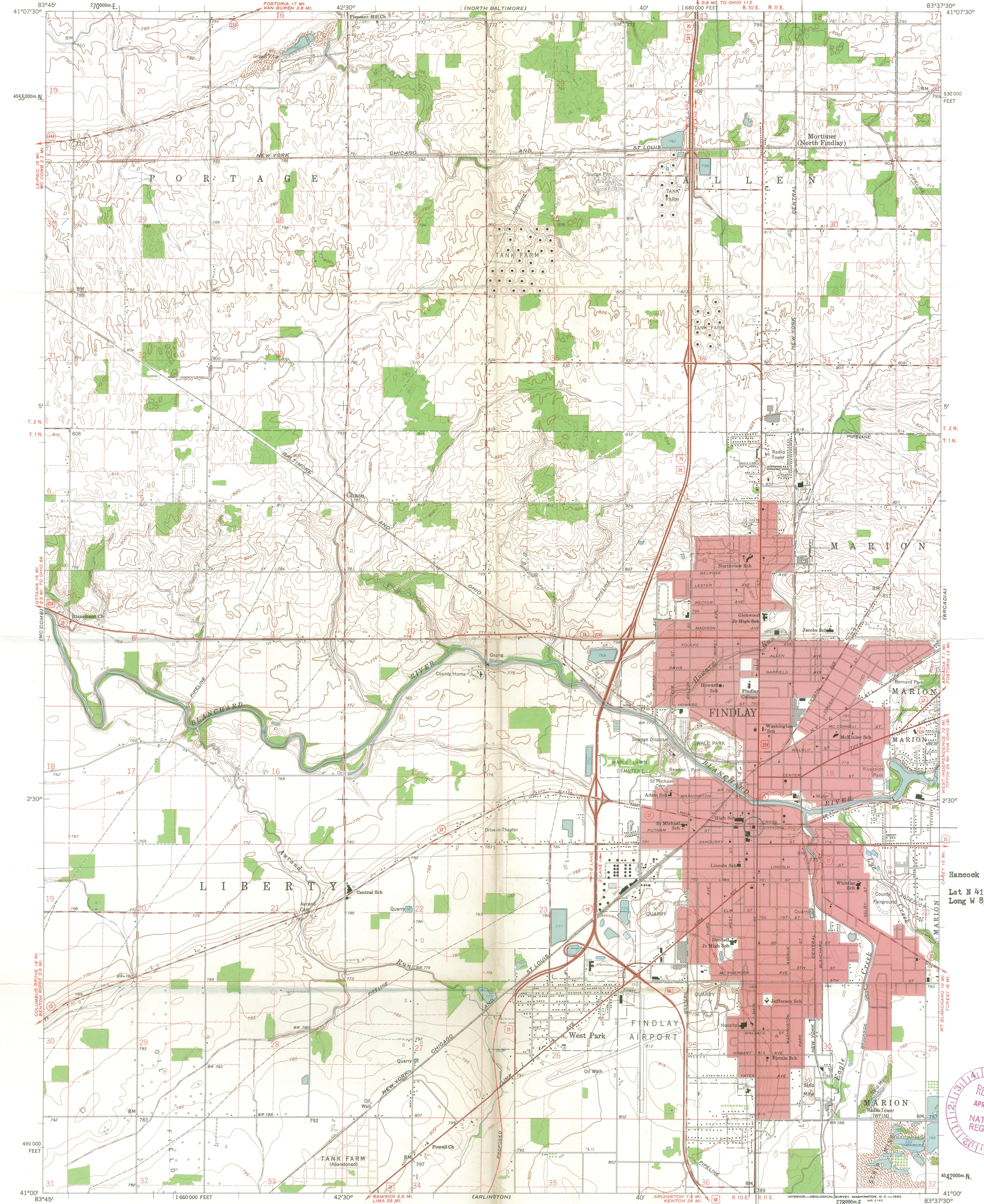
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SCALE

1: 24,000

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.



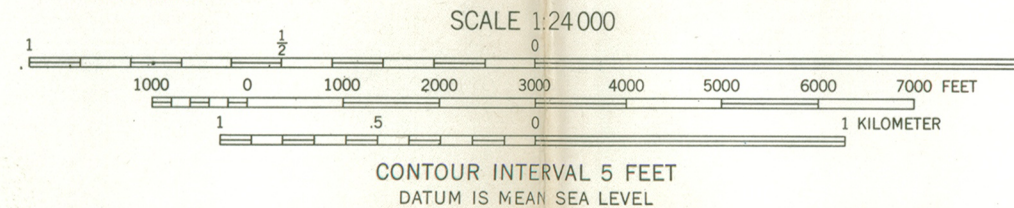


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Hancock County Courthouse
Lat N 41° 02' 20"
Long W 83° 39' 02"



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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1959 and by planetable surveys 1960
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Entire area lies within Congress Lands
Land lines based on the First Principal Meridian
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
○ Interstate Route ○ U.S. Route ○ State Route



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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FINDLAY, OHIO
SW 1/4 FINDLAY 15' QUADRANGLE
N4100-W8337.5/7.5
1960

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OHIO

Date Entered MAY 7 1973

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fulton County Courthouse	Wauseon Fulton County
Williams County Courthouse	Bryan Williams County
Hancock County Courthouse	Findlay Hancock County
Auglaize County Courthouse	Wapakoneta Auglaize County
Bank of Xenia	Xenia Greene County
Reid (Whitelaw) House	Vicinity of Cedarville Greene County

Also Notified

Hon. William B. Saxbe	State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. Robert Taft, Jr.	Mr. Daniel R. Porter
Hon. Delbert D. Latta	Director
Hon. Tennyson Quyer	The Ohio Historical Society
Hon. Clarence J. Brown, Jr.	Columbus, Ohio 43211

Director, Northeast Region

PHR

NRowland:mmn

5/11/73