

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Ohio
COUNTY:	Knox
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	JUN 4 1973

1. NAME

COMMON: **Knox County Courthouse**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **High Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Mount Vernon** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: **17th**
John M. Ashbrook

STATE: **Ohio** CODE: **039** COUNTY: **Knox** CODE: **083**

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	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: **Knox County**

STREET AND NUMBER: **High Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Mount Vernon** STATE: **Ohio** CODE: **039**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Knox County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER: **High Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Mount Vernon** STATE: **Ohio** CODE: **039**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County

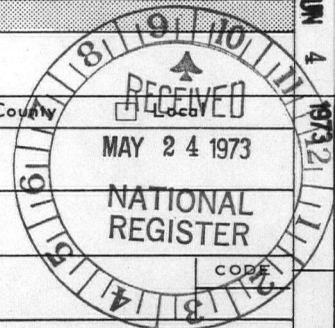
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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STATE: Ohio
COUNTY: Knox
... ENTRY NUMBER
DATE



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
(Check One)		(Check One)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Knox County Courthouse is a two story brick structure that rests on a stone foundation. The building is of Greek Revival style and has a tower. It was built 1855-1856. The building measures approximately seventy by forty feet.

The windows in the entire building are rectangular, and are double-hung sash type. The walls are pilastered and the south entrance has columns in antis. Fluted columns with Doric capitals support the pedimented entrance. The corniced doorway is rectangular, and the two windows flanking the entrance are pedimented.

The cornice is decorated with tryglyphs and metopes. The roof is gabled, and on the south pediment the masonry is ornamented with foliated scroll and a small round window.

The tower is located on the southern part of the roof, and is approximately thirty feet in height. The base is louvered and has a fanlight in each direction. The upper part of the tower is also square and has four clock faces. The dome is metal.

The interior seems cramped, and the offices small. A stairway with two flights of stairs is located on the east side of the first floor. Original floor coverings have been replaced with asphalt tile, but some of the original mosaic tile remains in the west doorway. The interior is not nearly as impressive as the exterior of the building.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 1855-1856**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Knox County Courthouse is the fourth courthouse in the county. Knox County was named for General Henry Knox of Boston, a general in the Revolutionary War. The county was formed from Fairfield County on March 1, 1808. By 1820, when the first courthouse was constructed, the population of the county was 8,300.

The county did not grow rapidly, but it did grow steadily. The population by 1880 was 27,000. By 1854 the third courthouse had been so severely damaged that it could not be repaired. The county commissioners decided to build a new structure, and bids were let. Architect Daniel Clark designed the building, and contractors John Jennings and David Auld built the courthouse. The building was erected at a cost of \$36,336.

Construction was started in 1855 and the building was completed and occupied in 1856. It is an excellent example of its type.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Goeldner, Paul. List of 19th Century Courthouses in Ohio. Historic American Buildings Survey, National Park Service, Washington, D. C., 20240

Howe, Henry. Historical Collections of Ohio. Cincinnati, Ohio: State of Ohio, 1902. 2 vol.

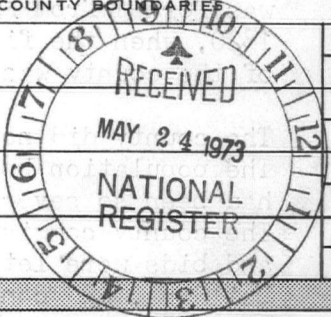
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1 acre**

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



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HB
2-17
N 4472 300
E 3974190

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Larry Alan Beers

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: **March 11, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
1932 Forest Village Lane

CITY OR TOWN: **Columbus** STATE: **Ohio** CODE: **039**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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 A. Beers*

Title: *Ohio Historic Preservation Officer*

Date: *18 May 1973*

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

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

Date: *6/4/73*

ATTEST:

J. MacLeod
Acting Keeper of The National Register

Date: *5/30/73*

PROPERTY

Knox County Courthouse STATE *Ohio*

7300 1484

WORKING NUMBER

5.24.73.2983

8/3/73

TECH REVIEW

Photos *2*

Maps *1*

KNOX

CONTROL REVIEW

CM
5-25-
73

OK

HISTORIAN

Accept
5-28-73
C. Smith

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
KH
5/25/73

ARCHEOLOGIST

Accept
AML
5/28/73

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

OK
5/30/73
OK
5/30/73

KEEPER

National Register write-up _____

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry *8-7-73*

Re-submit _____

Entered *JUN 4 1973*



NPS Number 6.4.73

Title: Knox County

Courthouse

Loc. Knox Co., Ohio

North and west

sides

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



NPS Number 6.4.73

Title: Knos County

Courthouse

Loc. Knos Co., Ohio (2)

East and south

sides

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

1. NAME

COMMON Knox County Courthouse	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS) JUN 4 1973
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2. LOCATION

STATE Ohio	COUNTY Knox	TOWN Mount Vernon
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STREET AND NUMBER

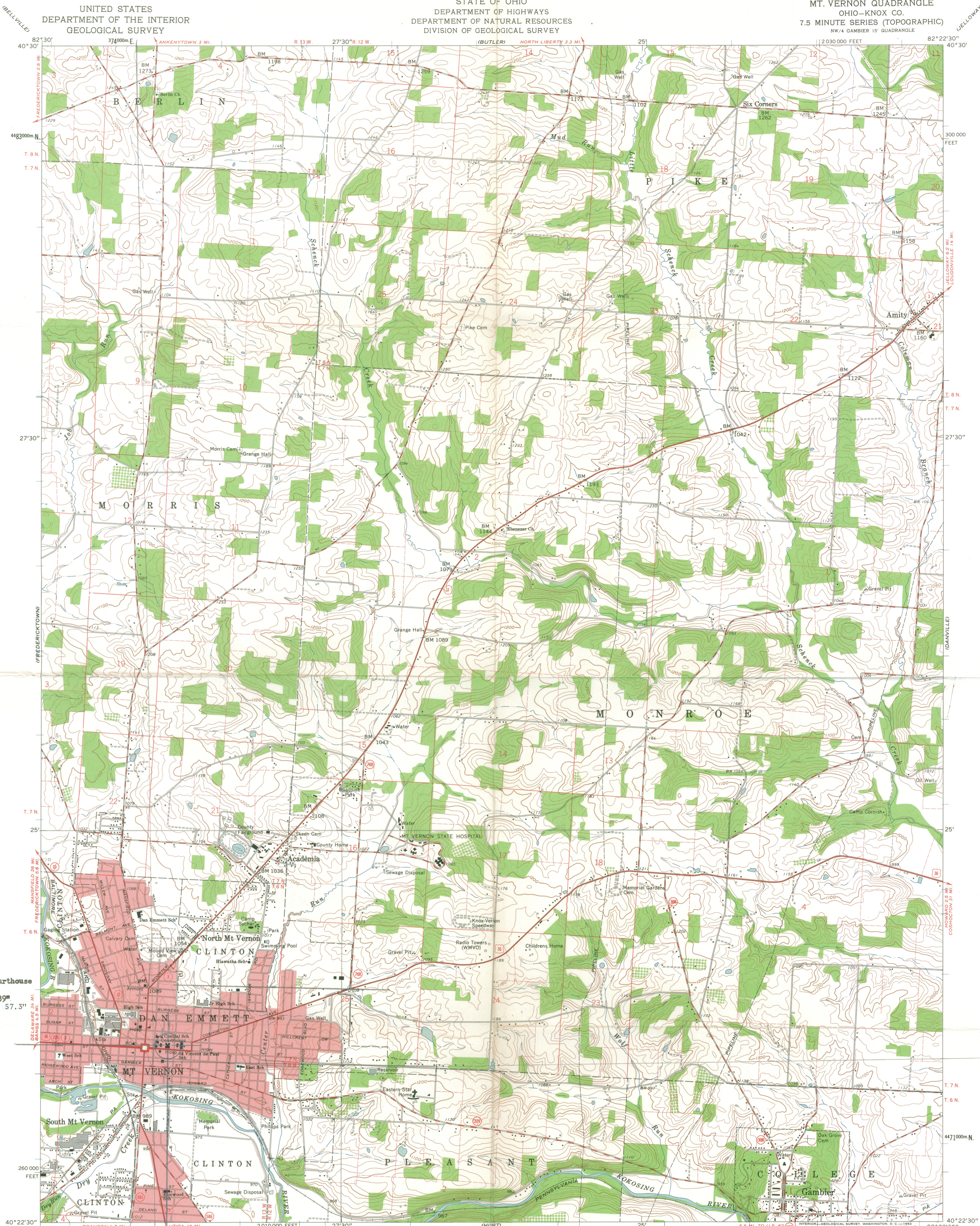
High Street

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE USGS 7½' Series, Mount Vernon Quadrangle	DATE 1961	SCALE 1: 24,000
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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.



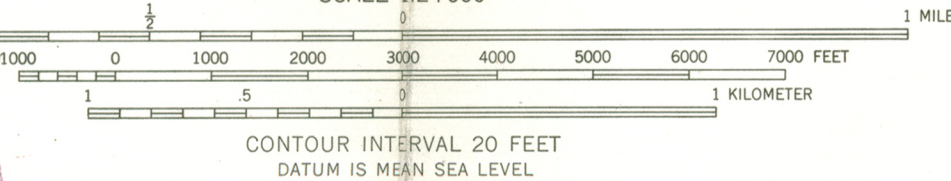
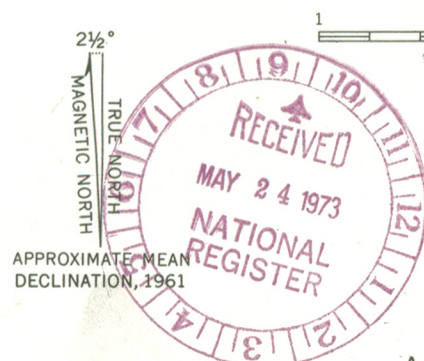


H3
Zn 17
E 374 190
N 4472 300

Knox County Courthouse
Lat N 40 23' 39"
Long W 82 28' 57.3"

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1958 and 1960. Field checked 1961
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 the United States Military District
Land lines based on the Base Line of the United States Military District
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



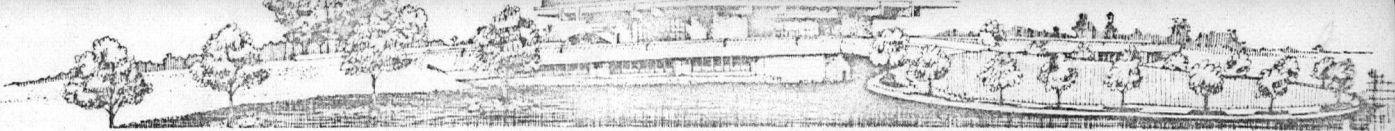
ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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



MT. VERNON, OHIO
NW/4 GAMBIER 15' QUADRANGLE
N4022.5-W8222.5/7.5

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



Interstate 71 and 17th Avenue

Ohio historical society / Ohio historical center / Columbus, Ohio 43211 / telephone (614) 469-4663

MAY 23 1973

May 21, 1973

Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240



Dear Bill:

Transmitted herewith are nine (9) completed National Register application forms. All have been approved by the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board and owners have been informed of our intent to register.

Of the nine applications, one, the Hancock Historical Museum, is a corrected version of an earlier submittal. It remains an EMERGENCY for the reasons cited in the original submittal.

The other eight applications are emergencies for the following reasons:

Lichtliter Mound and Village Site and Wolf Creek Mound, both Montgomery County -- in jeopardy from private development.

Wade Memorial Chapel, Rockefeller Building, Rowfant Club Building, and Trinity Cathedral, all Cuyahoga County -- to obtain registration of representative Cleveland landmarks prior to the fall national convention of the National Trust in Cleveland.

Logan County Courthouse and Knox County Courthouse -- to focus preservation attention in these two rural counties upon these prominent buildings and thereby other county landmarks.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Porter
Director

DRP/eg

Enc.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **OHIO**

Date Entered **JUN 4 1973**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Knox County Courthouse	Mount Vernon Knox County
Merwin (George) House	Cleveland Cuyahoga County
Rockefeller Building	Cleveland Cuyahoga County
Lichtliter Mound and Village Site	Dayton vicinity Montgomery County
Wolf Creek Mound	Trotwood vicinity Montgomery County

Also Notified

Hon. William B. Saxbe
 Hon. Robert Taft, Jr.
 Hon. John M. Ashbrook
 Hon. James B. Stanton
 Hon. Charles W. Whalen, Jr.
 Director, Northeast Region

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

PhR MMott 6/8/73