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The proposed Groveport Town Hall Historic Grouping covers an area of approximately 1 acre and includes two brick residences C.81840 and 1878 and the handsome High Victorian Italianate Town Hall. The three structures are located in a mixed commercial/residential area on Main Street at the intersection with Front Street.

The Rarey-Giehl Residence, the earliest of the three buildings was erected C. 1840. The original home consisted of the rectangular, two story structure. Constructed in brick on a stone foundation, it measures 4 by 2 bays and has a gable roof. The east elevation (the original facade) features two entrances with transoms, simple window architraves with stone sills and a cornice with returns. The south elevation measures 2 bays and possesses a semi-circular, louvered opening in the gable end. There have been several additions to the original house. A one story addition with a gable roof is located to the west. It is covered with vertical siding and the architraves of the 2 over 2 windows have entablatures. The present entrance, with transom and sidelights, is located in this wing. An L-shaped porch with fluted lonic colums is located to the south and east.

The Faulhaber - Fornshell Residence was constructed in 1878 of brick laid in 5 course American bond on a stone foundation. It rises two stories in height and is crowned with a slate, truncated hip roof. The house is L-shape in plan and measures 4 by 3 bays. The facade possesses an attractive entrance with double wooden doors and 2 Eastlake style porches with intricate turned woodwork.

The 2 over 2 windows have decorative stone lintels and stone sills. The lintels used elsewhere are not decorated. A denticular and bracketed cornice surrounds the house. A two story frame addition is located to the rear.

The Groveport Town Hall was erected in 1878 and is an example of High Victorian Italianate commercial architecture. The three story building measures approximately 60' by 90' and is constructed entirely of brick. The roof is a truncated hip. The 6 bay facade (south elevation) features a pilastered stone storefront which is virtually intact. The second and third stories are separated by a stone beltcourse and possess round and segmental arched, 2 over 2 windows placed within corbelled recesses. The cornice is both denticular and bracketed. The east and west elevations measure 5 bays and possess round and segmental arched openings with brick hoodmoulds. Several chimneys are located on the roof, although they are no longer functional. The second floor theatre is intact.

The three buildings are well preserved examples of Nineteenth Century domestic and commercial architecture in Groveport. They form a visually cohesive unit on an important corner in town.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Rarey-Giehland Faulhaber-Fornshell Residences and the Groveport Town Hall are well preserved examples of nineteenth century architecture in Groveport. In addition to being related historically, the three buildings form a cohesive visual unit, with the Town Hall as the architectural focal point of town.

Prior to 1847, the present day Groveport actually consisted of two separate towns – Rarey's Port and Wert's Grove. William H. Rarey is credited with the plan of the town which bore his name. He lived in the Rarey-Giehl residence for a number of years. The house originally faced Front Street and the land on which the other two buildings are located once belonged to him. Rarey sold the southeast corner of his property in 1857 to the Township Trustees and Village of Groveport for the construction of a Town Hall. The Town Hall, which is a good example of High Victorian Italianate commercial architecture was built as a joint venture by the township, village, Odd Fellows and Masons. Its total cost in 1876 was \$10,745. The building was used for governmental and community functions as well as for commercial purposes.

The Faulhaber Grocery was located in one of the two storefronts when the Town Hall was opened. Faulhaber purchased the property adjacent to the Town Hall in 1876 and built a brick residence.

The two residences have been well maintained through the years. The Town Hall has played a significant role in the development of the village. It has been a center for governmental and community activities since its construction. The township and village were recently granted money to begin restoration work on the Town Hall. This restoration will insure the preservation of the Town Hall as both a center of activity and visual landmark in Groveport.

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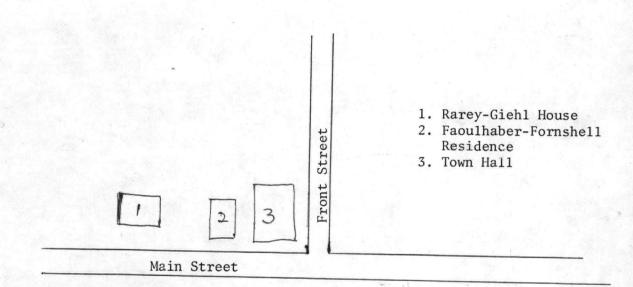
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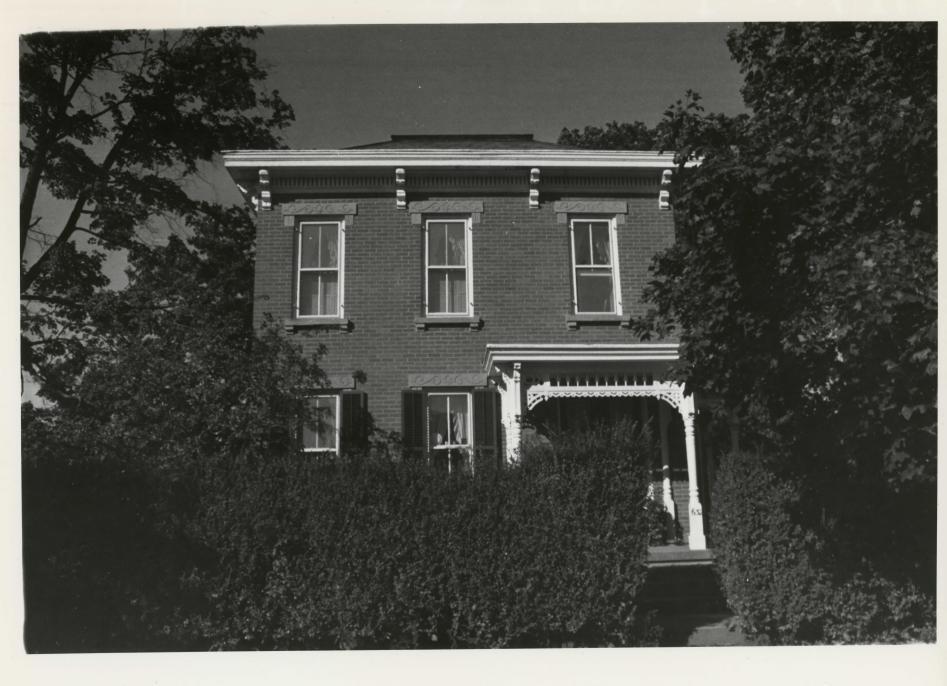
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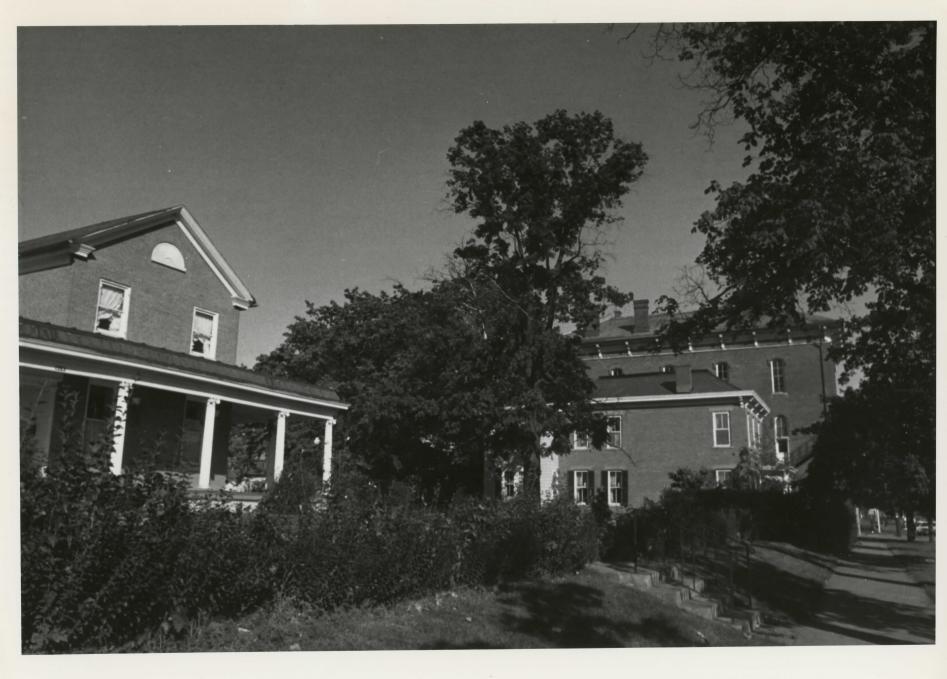


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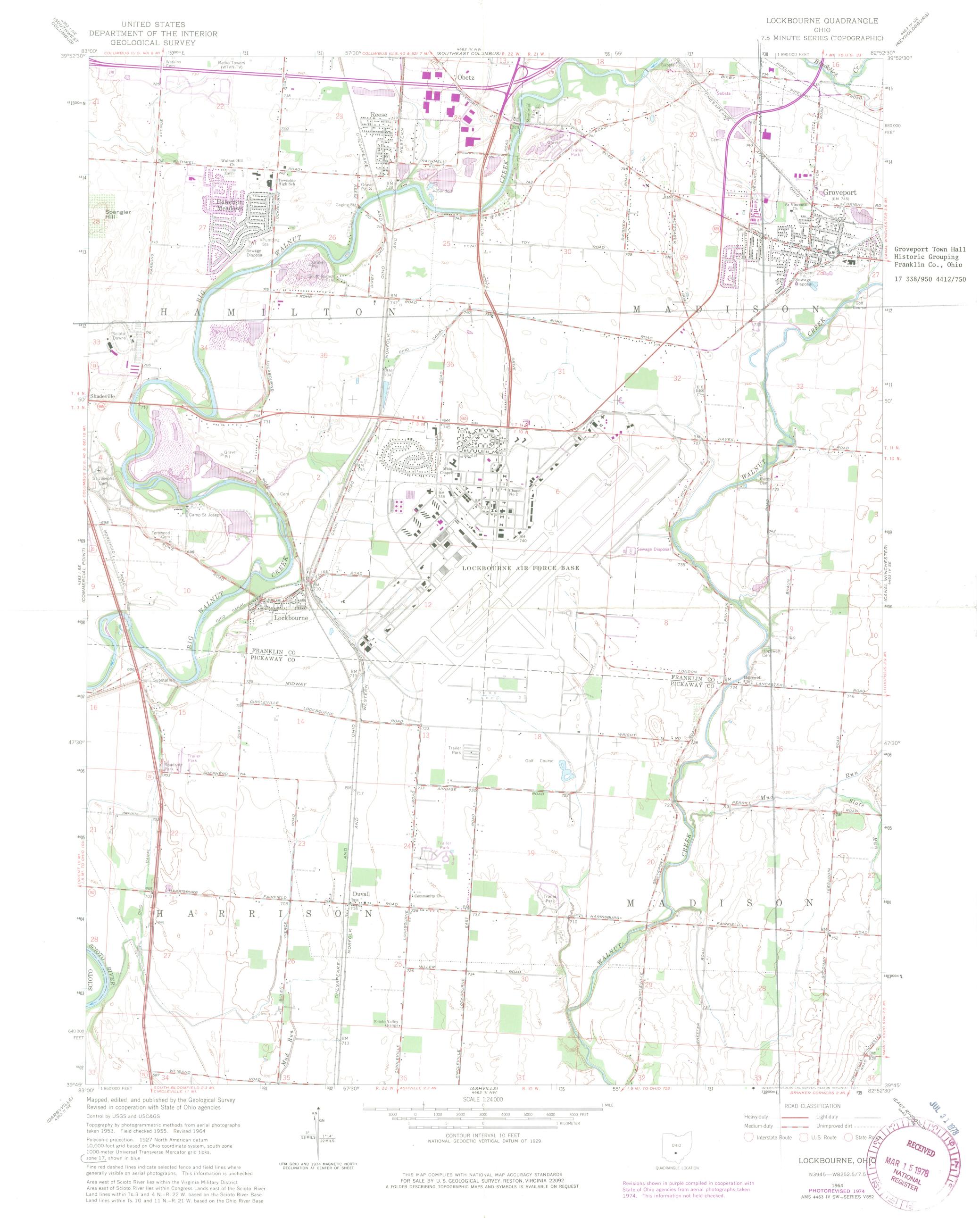


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March 20, 1978

Mrs. Norma Rowland
National Register of Historic Places
HCRS
Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mrs. Rowland:

Enclosed is a list of property owners for the Groveport Town Hall Historic Grouping, Franklin County, Ohio.

Sincerely,

Judy Buchanan Admn. Assistant

January 23, 1978

David Brook, Administrator Preservation Office Ohio Historical Society 17th and Int. 71 Columbus, Ohio

Dear Mr. Brook:

Ref: Properties 628 Main St. (Richard Giehl Res.), 632 Main (Peggy A. Fornshell), Madison Town Hall Bldg., Main St. and Front Streets, Groveport, Ohio

We, the owners of the above properties, are aware that our properties are being nominated to the National Register for Preservation and we are in support of this.

Sincerely,

628 Main St.

Groveport, Ohio 43125

Fornshell, owner

632 Main St.

Groveport, Ohio 43125 R.M. Brobst, Chm.,

Township Trustees

Groveport, Ohio

43125

cc: Mrs. Peggy A. Fornshell Mr. Richard Giehl R.M. Brobst, Chm. Trustees Madison Township

#### ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Honorable Howard M. Metzenbaum .

Honorable John H. Glenn, Jr. Honorable Samuel L. Devine

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Honorable John Glenn United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Glenn:

Thank you for your letter to Dr. William J. Murtagh on behalf of Peggy A. Fornshell concerning the nomination of the Groveport Town Hall Historic Group to the National Register of Historic Places.

We are pleased to inform you that the Groveport Town Hall Historic Group was entered in the National Register on July 31, 1978. Enclosed is a leaflet which describes the National Register program.

We appreciate your interest in historic preservation.

Sincerely,

/Sgd/ William J. Murtagh

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#### Enclosure

cc: Dr. Thomas H. Smith

Director, The Ohio Historical Society

Interstate 71 at 17th Avenue

Columbus, Ohio 43211 bcc: Director's Reading File

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#### United States Senate

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 26, 1978

Mr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation and Recreation
Office of Archeology and Historic
Preservation
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Murtagh:

I have received the enclosed information, and would appreciate your immediate attention to same, which is in regard to the listing nomination in the National Register of the Groveport Town Hall Historic Grouping. As time is limited, I would request that you promptly review the material and provide whatever assistance you can.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to your expedient reply on behalf of the Town Hall Preservation Commission.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

John Glenn

United States Senator

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Enclosure

### Jown Hall Preservation Commission

Box 22 Groveport, Ohio 43125 (614) 836-5624 or 836-5211



July 17, 1978

Commission Members:

Peg Fornshell, Chairperson Robert Brobst, Chrm. Madison Jup. Trustees Bana Siehl, Groveport Heritage Society. Marshall Mc Suire, Groveport Village Council Parker Morrow, Groveport Senior Cilizens

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Honorable John Glenn, Jr. Congress of the United States United States Senate Richard Bertram Russell Office Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Glenn:

I am finding it necessary for your help once again concerning our nomination of the Groveport Town Hall Historic Grouping (Madison Twp. Town Hall) Groveport, Ohio, to the National Register of Historic Places.

I received a phone call from Jr, Jeff Darbee of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office late Friday afternoon stating that we were having a problem with our grant from the Department of the Interior. Our grant of \$10,000.00 will not be released to us until the Historic Grouping is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The necessary paper work was sent to Washington, March 16, 1978 and we have heard nothing since. The grant is for restoration of the Town Hall in the Village of Groveport, Ohio. Mr. Darbee indicated that Mr. Wm. Murtagh, Keeper of the National Register, Heritage Conservation and Recreation, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, in the U.S. Department of the Interior; would be the individual knowledgeable on the status of our nomination.

I would appreciate any help with this matter and would like to know as soon as possible. I may be reached at 614-466-3222 from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. or at home after 5:30, 614-836-5624. This would enable me to contact Mr. Darbee immediately so he could forward the papers concerning the grant to Washington immediately.

Attached please find a copy of the letter where Mr. Darbee indicates our problem with a deadline of August 4, 1978.

Again, I thank you for your continued interest in our community and in historic preservation.

Sincerely.

Fornshell



May 23, 1978

Mrs. Peg Fornshell Town Hall Preservation Commission P.O. Box 22 Groveport, Ohio 43125

Grant Project: Madison Twp. Town Hall

Grant Amount: \$10,000.00

Dear Grant Recipient:

At the time the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board awards 50% federal matching grants, a deadline is placed on each grant project for submission of project documentation.

The deadline imposed by OHSPAB for documentation on the above project is

August 4, 1978

This letter is intended as a reminder only, and it is being sent to all grant recipients from whom we have not received the documentation necessary to review and approve their projects.

Because we have recently been placed under a very strict deadline by the U.S. Department of the Interior for submission of all of Ohio's grant projects, we must require strict adherence to the above deadline. Otherwise Ohio will lose federal funding.

If we do not receive documentation by the above deadline, the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board has given us the authority to cancel your grant and re-assign the funds to active projects.

The documentation required for your project is spelled out in the letter from this office which originally awarded the grant. If you have any questions about required documentation or any other grants matters, please contact me at any time.

Sincerely.

Jeffrey Darbee Grants Manager

JTD:mbh

Peg: As we discussed, this is the maximum extension OHSPAB can allow past the June 30 deadline. I hope this all can be settled at our June 8 meeting so you have no deadlines at all to worry about (except for actually getting the work done).

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# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

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AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:   ENGINEERING-11   LANDSCAP	□ RELIGION-22 RE-17 □ SCIENCE-23 -18 □ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIA □ SOCIAL/CULTURAL-3		%CLAIMS 'first'□  'oldest'□  'only'□		
WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY:	dates of initial construction major alterations: historic events:	in:		S ETHNIC (ASSOCIA	GROUP
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andscape architect/garden designer: interior decorator:	artist:	33 artisan:	3 build	er/contractor	0 0
NAMES give role & date  PERSONAL:  EVENTS:  INSTITUTIONAL:					
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