

United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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

For HCRS use only

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## 1. Name

historic MEMORIAL HALL

and/or common

## 2. Location

street &amp; number 165 E. Main St. not for publication

city, town Circleville vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Ohio 039 code Pickaway county code 129

## 3. Classification

|   |  |  |   |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| <b>Category</b>                                 | <b>Ownership</b>                           | <b>Status</b>                                | <b>Present Use</b>                              |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture            | <input type="checkbox"/> museum            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input 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 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    |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> no                  | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> other:            |

## 4. Owner of Property

name Pickaway County Commissioners

street &amp; number Room 5, Pickaway County Courthouse

city, town Circleville vicinity of Ohio state

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pickaway County Courthouse

street &amp; number S. Court St.

city, town Circleville state Ohio

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Ohio Historic Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 5/79 federal x state county local

depository for survey records Ohio Historic Preservation Office

city, town Columbus state Ohio

## 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

Memorial Hall, an excellent example of Richardsonian Romanesque architecture, was completed in 1891. It is constructed of brick on a raised rock faced ashlar stone foundation. The 3½ story building has a hipped and gable composition roof. The building is rectangular in plan and measures 5 by 6 bays.

The facade faces Main Street. The double entrance, with transoms, is placed within a recess framed by a stone arch supported by 8 short columns. "Memorial Hall" is cut in the stone voussoirs and the date 1890 is cut in the base beneath one set of columns. A round tower with conical roof composes the easternmost bay of the facade. It features ribbon windows with stone lintels on the first and second levels and stone arches on the third. A balcony with paired columns is located on the fourth level. A first and second floor recessed porch is situated between the entrance and tower. The windows on the first two floors of the facade are paired with stone lintels and sills. The third floor features semi-circular windows with stone voussoirs. Round arched ribbon windows are located in the gable. A chimney with corbelled brickwork is situated directly behind the tower.

The Pickaway Street (east ) side is the other major elevation. It also features an entrance recessed within a stone arch although it is less elaborate than the front entrance. Another entrance is positioned at the base of a square tower topped by crenellated brickwork. "Armory" is cut in the stone voussoirs. The windows on this elevation are similar to those on the facade and include paired rectangular windows with stone lintels, semi-circular with stone voussoirs and round arched ribbon windows.

The west and south elevations are much simpler as they are not visible from the public right of way. The openings are small segmental arches on the first level and large round arches on the second.

Much of the original interior woodwork remains as does the pressed tin ceiling in the former armory area. The building is located on a corner lot on the fringe of the central business district.

## 8. Significance

| Period  | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below    |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric          | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric  | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning     | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation           | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> economics              | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education              | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> social/<br>humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> theater                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)         |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   |  |

Specific dates 1891 Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Memorial Hall is an outstanding example of Richardsonian Romanesque architecture in Circleville and Pickaway County. The exterior remains virtually unchanged since its completion in 1891. The hallmarks of the Richardsonian Romanesque style such as the massive scale, masonry construction with contrasting stone trim, round arches, ribbon windows, paired columns and tower are exhibited in this building.

The Ohio General Assembly enacted legislation in 1871 authorizing counties to raise funds to construct monuments to Civil War dead. In Pickaway County, the focus of activity was the construction of a memorial hall. Major funding for construction of the building came from a county wide property tax levy passed by voters in 1890 and from the City of Circleville. City participation was contingent upon the city library and armory being located in the new building.

The first floor of Memorial Hall has been the location of the public library for 88 years. The second floor civic auditorium and third floor balcony was for many years the largest public meeting space in Circleville. It served as a location for a variety of public and social gatherings including dances, political party meetings, civic meetings, carnivals and amateur theatrical productions. It currently serves as the auditorium for the Roundtown Players, a local theatre group.

Memorial Hall has for the last 88 years effectively served as both a memorial to Pickaway Countians who served in the Civil War and as a focus for community activity.



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Circleville "Democrat and Watchman", December 11, 1891  
Building Records, Pickaway County Auditor's Office  
Mrs. Pauline Clifton  
Ms. Maxine Dowler

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than one  
Circleville

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

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ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED  
Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Part of Lot 276 measuring 100' by 173' at the southeast corner of Main and Pickaway Streets as recorded in Pickaway County Courthouse

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

| state | code | county | code |
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|       |      |        |      |
| state | code | county | code |

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Nancy Recchie/Preservation Officer and Judy Young/Pickaway County Library

organization Columbus Landmarks Foundation

date 6/79

street & number 22 N. Front St.

telephone (614) 221-0227

city or town Columbus

state Ohio

## 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Acting SHPO

date 8/27/80

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

Keeper of the National Register

date 11/21/80

Attest: Paula Storer Reed  
Chief of Registration

date 11/21/80



Property

Memorial Hall

DUG #1/22/80

State

OK, Pickaway

Working Number

9/22/80/2373

TECHNICAL

Photos

4

Maps

1

CONTROL

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

A large brick public building constructed in 1891 as a memorial to Civil War dead. An excellent example of Richardsonian Romanesque architecture which shows evidence of few exterior alterations.

ARCHEOLOGIST

There is no mention of the shed addition on the East side but it appears to be straightforward Victorian garage.

Accept.

Reed. 11/21/80

OTHER

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Inventory

Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

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National Register Write-up

Send-back

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Federal Register Entry

2-2-82

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Memorial Hall  
Pickaway Co., Ohio  
165 E. Main St., Circleville  
Pickaway Co. Dist. P.L.  
5/79 north -east view

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Memorial Hall  
Pickaway Co., Ohio  
165 E. Main St., Circleville  
Pickaway Co. Dist. P. L.  
5/79 Main St. arch (north view)

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Memorial Hall  
Pickaway Co. Ohio  
165 E. Main St., Circleville  
Pickaway Co. Dist. P. L.  
5/79 east view Pickaway St.

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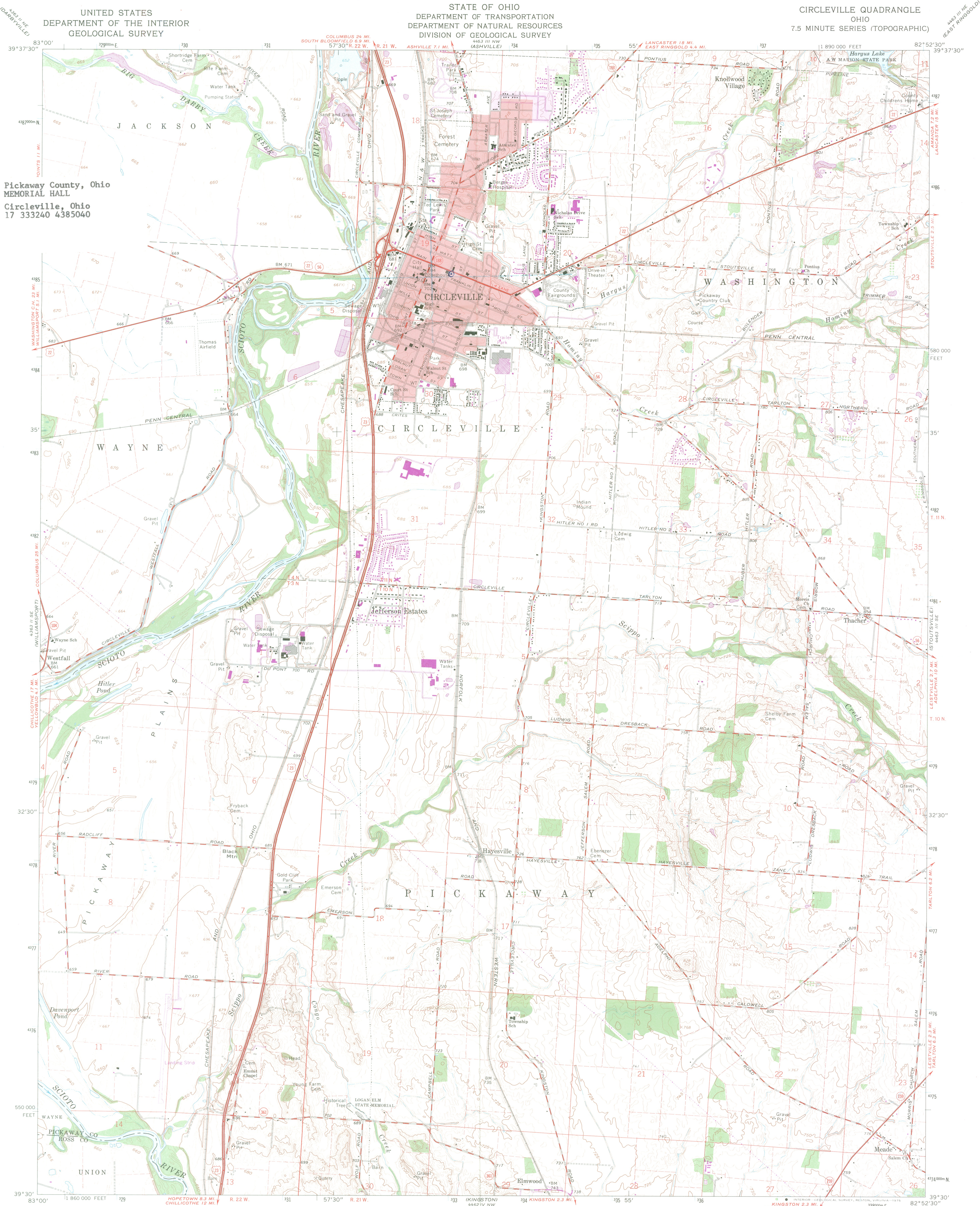


Memorial Hall **SEP 22 1980**  
Pickaway Co., Ohio  
165 E. Main St., Circleville  
Pickaway Co. Dist. P. L.  
5/79 rear view southwest

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Pickaway County, Ohio  
MEMORIAL HALL  
Circleville, Ohio  
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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1960. Field checked 1961

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, south zone  
1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 17, shown in blue

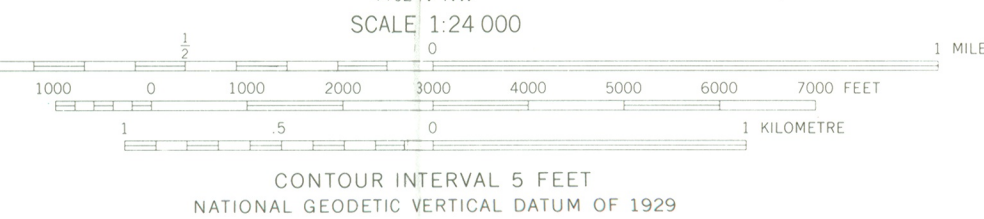
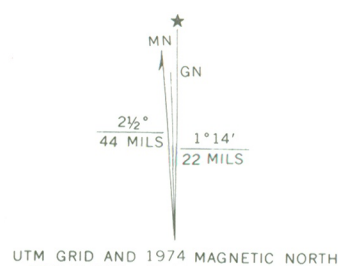
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown

Area west of the Scioto River lies within the Virginia Military District

Area within R. 22 W. based on the Scioto River Base

Area within R. 21 W. based on the Ohio River Base



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State of Ohio agencies from aerial photographs taken  
1974. This information not field checked.  
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

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



CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OHIO

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| <u>Name</u>                                | <u>Location</u>                |
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| Promont (Gov. John M. Pattison House)      | Milford<br>Clermont County     |
| Memorial Hall                              | Circleville<br>Pickaway County |
| Main Building                              | Wilmington<br>Clinton County   |
| Pisgah Christian Church                    | Wilmington<br>Brown County     |
| Berea Union Depot                          | Berea<br>Cuyahoga County       |
| Herrold, Thomas Jefferson, House and Store | Athens<br>Athens County        |

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