

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

Situated in the northwest portion of Wooster's downtown, the Old Wayne County Jail is a two story red brick building. The building has two distinct parts which date from different periods. In front is the former Sheriff's residence. This is an "L" shaped Italianate style building measuring about sixty feet across and thirty feet wide. Behind this is a long rectangular wing, Richardsonian Romanesque in style, which measures about fifty feet by thirty-five feet. This replaces an earlier and much smaller cell wing.

The front section is topped with a shallow hip roof with broad overhanging eaves supported by large ornate brackets. It is three bays wide with the center section projecting out about six feet and rising up to include a third floor. This central tower has Greek Revival features such as corner pilasters and a pediment over an entablature. Window openings on the first floor are six over six and have flat stone lintels. Those on the second floor are round arched and have ornate stone hood mouldings. On the west side is a small elaborate entrance porch. On the east side is a lower two story wing, set back from the main facade and featuring a front porch. It is plainly detailed and reminiscent of the Greek Revival style. A major alteration to the front section was the removal of the original small ornate entrance porch and its replacement by a massive brick porch which spans the front. The two front windows on either side of the main entrance ^{were} ~~have been~~ converted to doorways. Inside is a spacious central hallway containing an open stairway that rises without interruption to the third floor. On either side are spacious parlors. Two small rooms are in the east wing. An open stairway is located in the rear. Alterations include removal of some woodwork, extensive damage to the stair railings and removal of the fireplace mantels. The facade has been restored to its original appearance as a part of the owners redevelopment.

The rear section is a turn of the century masonry and metal frame building, designed as a non-combustible cellblock. Its exterior features red brick similar to that used on the front section. The brickwork is accented by horizontal bands of rock faced sandstone. A stone dentil course serves as the cornice. Above is a massive hip roof. The interior consists of two main levels with nearly identical plans. Two rows of cells are divided by a central hallway and separated from the outside walls by a perimeter walkway. Bars and metal plates define the cell walls. Smooth stone slabs serve as the floors and are supported by the cell structure. An open iron stairway is in the southwest corner. In the attic, a massive metal truss system supports the roof.

Behind the jail building is a large garage, built of red brick and featuring a gable roof. Massive trusses carry the roof and an interior masonry wall divides the building in half. The building faces onto a spacious front lawn, ornamented by shrubbery. To the rear is a parking lot.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates c. 1865

Builder/Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Old Wayne County Jail is significant as an impressive example of Italianate architecture and as an increasingly rare example of late nineteenth century prison architecture. This building served as the Wayne County Jail for over one hundred years. Its juxtaposition of the domestically scaled and detailed front portion with the solid, fortress-like rear section visibly reveals the early operation of Ohio county jails as a combination sheriff's residence and cellblock. Compared to other residences in Wooster, the front section is significant as one of the largest and earliest structures to survive in the downtown area. Taken as a whole, the building increases in importance as a prototype of nineteenth century Ohio county jails, which are fast-disappearing. With a single exception, all similar jail buildings in nearby counties have been demolished and replaced with new correctional facilities.

Wayne County's first jail building was a log structure erected in 1816 utilizing timber taken from the old blockhouse used during the war of 1812. It was about 25 feet square and two stories in height. The second jail was a stone building erected in 1839. According to Douglass' History of Wayne County, "it was a solid, dungeon-like structure, which caged many of the wild birds of Wooster and the county." The stone jail burned December 18, 1863. Shortly thereafter the present combination jail and sheriff's residence was built. Around the turn of the century, the original small one story rear cell wing was removed and the present large two story cellblock was added. In more recent years, the sheriff's residence was converted to office space for the sheriff's department.

Until very recently, this building was under the threat of imminent demolition by the county for use as parking space for its new jail and office building across the street. Its purchase by a developer under an agreement which will provide the county with parking space elsewhere represents a major victory for historic preservation in Wooster. The complex will be developed into retail and office space, with a restaurant proposed for much of the former cell area. The exterior will be restored to its original appearance. The newer front porch will be removed at once and a sandstone stoop erected in its place, but replication of the original front porch may be postponed until a preservation grant is received or until income generated from the complex provides for its construction. The interior of the front section will be restored. The main stairway will have its railing refinished and repaired, missing wood trim and windows will be carefully duplicated and the rooms will remain in their present configuration. The rear section will undergo extensive alterations to convert it to retail and office use. Cells will be torn out and new floors constructed. The garage will also be developed as retail space, with landscaping and parking added to the grounds.

9. Major Bibliographical References

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Douglass, Ben, History of Wayne County, Ohio; Indianapolis: Robert Douglas, 1878; pp 256-58
Lewis, Arnold, Wooster in 1876; Wooster: The College of Wooster, 1976; page 114
Caldwell, J.A., Atlas of Wayne County; Sunbury, Ohio: J.A. Caldwell, 1873; pages 24-25

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Wooster, Ohio

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property consists of three lots at the northeast corner of North and Walnut Streets and contains two buildings, the old Wayne County Jail and a brick garage located directly behind the jail building. Lot size is approx. 120 ft. by 180 ft.

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

state MA code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Steven McQuillin, Regional Preservation Officer

organization The Ohio State University Mansfield Campus date October 1979

street & number 1660 University Drive telephone (419) 755-4011

city or town Mansfield state Ohio 44906

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 W. Ray Luce

title SHPO date 2/19/82

For HCRS use only

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

Alonzo Byus Entered in the National Register date 4/29/82
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date
Chief of Registration

Handwritten notes:
The building is a three-story brick structure with a prominent corner tower. The tower features a balcony on the second floor and a pedimented roof. The main entrance is centrally located on the ground floor, flanked by windows. The building is surrounded by trees and landscaping.



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EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Old Wayne County Jail
State, County: OH, Wayne
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 3/31/82-1024
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.83
Date Due: 4/29/82 - 5/15/82

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Entered in the _____
National Register _____

Action: ACCEPT 4/29/82
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____

photos
maps

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
 Reviewer _____
 Discipline _____
 Date _____
 ___ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Site _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Old Wayne Couny Jail
Wooster, Ohio
September 1981
Steven McQuillin
OSU at Mansfield
front, looking **n**ortheast
OWCJ-1



Old Wayne County Jail

Wooster, Ohio

September 1981

Steven McQuillin

OSU at Mansfield

front, looking northwest

OWCJ-2



Old Wayne County Jail
Wooster, Ohio

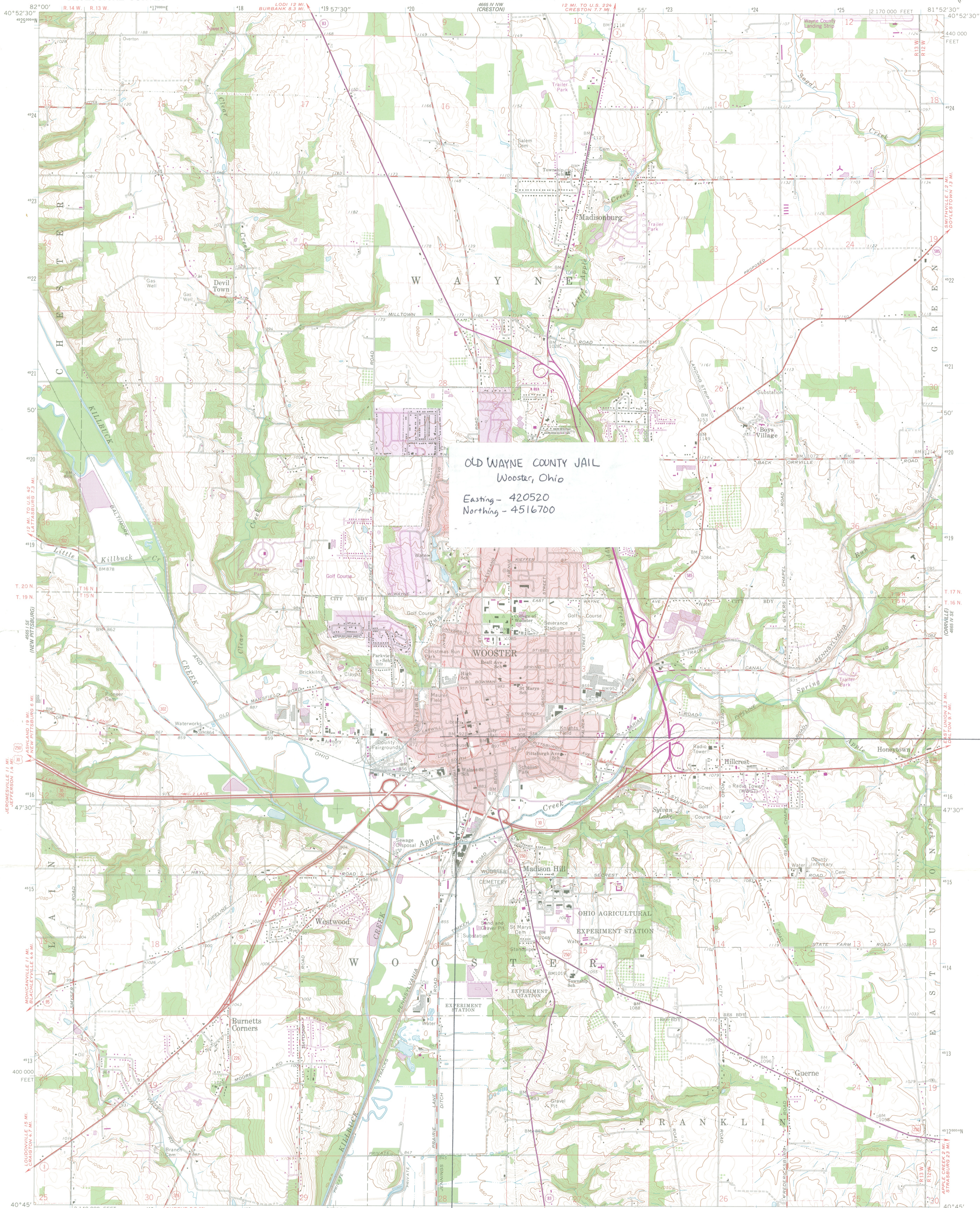
September 1981

Steven McQuillin

OSU at Mansfield

rear, looking south

OWCJ-3



OLD WAYNE COUNTY JAIL
Wooster, Ohio
Easting - 420520
Northing - 4516700

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and USC&GS

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, north zone

1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17, shown in blue

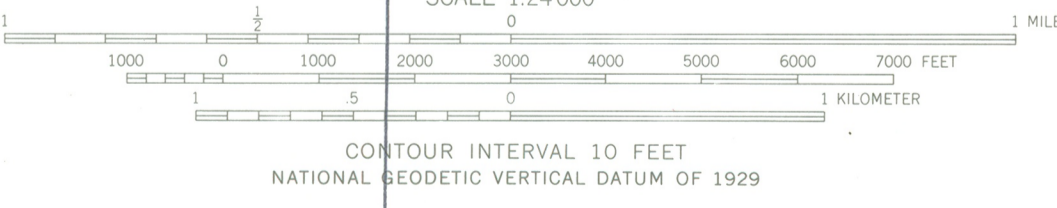
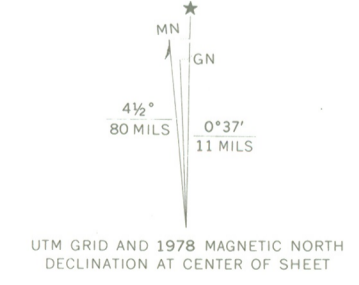
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

Unlabeled wells are oil wells

Entire area lies within Congress Lands north of the Old Seven Ranges

Land lines based on the Ohio River Base



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

WOOSTER, OHIO

N4045-W8152.5/7.5

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Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with State of Ohio agencies from aerial photographs taken 1976. Map edited 1978. This information not field checked Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

Ohio Historic Preservation Office

Ohio Historical Center I-71 & 17th Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43211 (614) 466-1500

March 24, 1982

Ms. Carol Shull
Acting Keeper
National Register of
Historic Places
National Park Service
440 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240



Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed are 16 new National Register nominations and four resubmissions. All appropriate notification procedures have been followed for the new nominations and they have been approved by the state review board.

New Nominations

County

Garst, John, House	Ashland
Kelly, O.S., Cottage and House	Clark
Valley Dale Ballroom	Franklin
Hulbert House and McAlpin Bridal Cottage	Hamilton
Salem Methodist Church Complex	Hamilton
Grand Lake St. Marys Light House	Mercer
Denison, William, House	Muskingum
Tavener-Sears Tavern	Muskingum
Oak Grove School	Pickaway
Crafts, William, House	Portage
Jackson Center Multiple Resource Area	Shelby
Port Jefferson School	Shelby
Stewart, Harry Bartlett, Property	Stark
Butler, Charles, House	Warren
Britton, James F., Farm	Wayne
Old Wayne County Jail	Wayne
Floral Hall	Wood

We are recommending that the Oak Grove School receive a substantive review because of its current condition.

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Ms. Carol Shull

Resubmissions

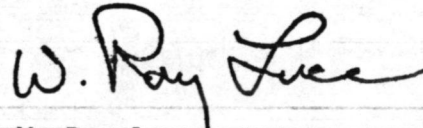
Crittenden Farm
Hotel Breakers
McCune's Villa
Park Avenue West Multiple
Resource Area

County

Ashland
Erie
Licking
Richland

Please let me know if we can answer any questions.

Sincerely,



W. Ray Luce
State Historic Preservation Officer

WRL/DAS:vb