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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination FormSee instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

historic Ohio Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb

and/or common Deaf School

## 2. Location

street &amp; number 408 East Town Street

not for publication

city, town Columbus

vicinity of

state Ohio

code 039

county Franklin

code 049

## 3. Classification

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

## 4. Owner of Property

name State of Ohio

street &amp; number 30 East Broad St.

city, town Columbus

vicinity of

state Ohio

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Franklin County Courthouse

street &amp; number 410 S. High St.

city, town Columbus

state Ohio

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Ohio Historic Inventory

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date 1975

☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Ohio Historic Preservation Office, I-71 and 17th Ave.

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

The School Building of the Ohio Institution for the Deaf was designed by the prominent Columbus architectural firm, Richards, McCarty and Bulford and was completed in 1899. Its eclectic style includes elements drawn from a variety of sources including French, Dutch and Gothic architecture.

The imposing buff colored brick building is 3 stories in height and is crowned with a very steeply pitched gable and hip roof. The original slate roof has been covered with black composition shingles. The massing of the building includes 2 hipped roof blocks connected by a central gabled section which includes 2 entrance towers.

The building has two major elevations; the south facing Town Street and the east facing a 10 acre site, where the original Second Empire Deaf School stood until it was destroyed by fire in 1980. The south elevation features a pointed arch entrance in the central bay. The opening is accentuated by three receding courses of smooth stonework and a decorative stone hoodmould. The entrance is flanked by slightly projecting bays which terminate in wall dormers with basket handle window trim and a flemish gable.

The east elevation features the two main entrances, at the base of the truncated towers. These pointed arch entrances are lined with the most unusual detailing on the building - rows of stone heads that are slightly larger than life-size and rather grotesque in form. Two flemish gables with trim identical to that on the south elevation are located adjacent to the towers. A third floor arcade features round arched openings while most of the windows are rectangular, double hung sash with multiple panes.

The north elevation has a simplified secondary entrance in the central bay and wall dormers with standard gables and without stone ornamentation. The west elevation shows the U-shaped form of the building more clearly. A one story round arched wing is attached to the central section of the building.

The stonework is the most outstanding feature of the building. It is delicately and intricately carved and adorns water tables, windows, dormers, entrances and parapet coping. At one time the towers featured stone balconies and tall finials.

The building is located at the western edge of the site.



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Ohio Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio

The powerhouse is a three story red brick structure which is located at the northwest corner of the site. It was constructed during the early 20th century. The pilasters separating the bays, the stone beltcourses, and parapet roofline are typical of the period. The most significant feature of the powerhouse is the tall, smokestack. Much of the equipment is intact.

The site consists of 10 acres enclosed with a cast iron fence and is adjacent to the East Town Street Historic District. The 1860's Second Empire building was demolished after a devastating fire and the site is being developed as a park by the City of Columbus and State of Ohio.

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> education   | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> theater            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation     |
|                                               |                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)    |

**Specific dates** 1899 **Builder/Architect** Richards, McCarty, Bulford

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)** Criteria A & C

The school building of the Ohio Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb is significant for its architecture and for its place in the development of Ohio's system of state institutions for the handicapped.

The building was described as an "architectural gem" at the time of its dedication in 1899, and its design shows the imagination and wit often found in architecture of the late nineteenth century. While it can be placed in no particular architectural style, it displays influences from the French, Gothic, Dutch and Jacobethan styles. Despite insensitive alterations and loss of original fabric, the building retains a high degree of integrity. The east facade towers which were the building's most forceful elements were cut down in height during the 1950s; the stained glass transoms over main doorways disappeared several years ago; and two large holes were knocked into the east facade two years ago when the building came close to demolition by mistake. Nonetheless, it retains its original form; the interior spaces have been little altered except for lightly-constructed partitions and removal of blackboards and other details; and most of the exterior architectural detailing remains intact. Especially significant are the carved stone details, the most noteworthy being at the two east side entrance doors. Vandals have attempted to chisel away the stone grotesque heads but have so far failed.

The firm of Richards, McCarty and Bulford designed the school. This firm was one of the most important in Columbus at the end of the nineteenth century, and they had important commissions both in the city and throughout Ohio and the midwest. The school is the firm's largest remaining Columbus building that has not undergone extensive alterations.

In the history of Ohio's state-supported institutions for the handicapped, the school building of the Ohio Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb has a major place. Reverend James Hoge, of Columbus, presented a petition to the State Legislature in the late 1820's to establish educational programs for "defective children" of the state. In 1827, the legislature provided for the founding of the Ohio Institution for Education

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Architecture: Columbus, Columbus: Columbus Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, 1976.

Burns, James J. Educational History of Ohio. Columbus: Historical Publishing Co., 1905.  
Columbus Dispatch, October 18, 1899.

Ohio School Annual Report, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 10 acres

Quadrangle name Southeast Columbus

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

(See amendment page 10/23/84)  
A 1 7 3 3 0 0 8 10 4 4 2 15 0 8 10  
Zone Easting Northing

B Zone Easting Northing

C Zone Easting Northing

D Zone Easting Northing

E Zone Easting Northing

F Zone Easting Northing

G Zone Easting Northing

H Zone Easting Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at the intersection of Wales Alley and Washington; go south to the intersection with Town St.; go west to the intersection with Selina Alley and go north to the intersection with Wales Alley; go east to the point of beginning.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Nancy Recchie/preservation consultant

organization Benjamin D. Rickey & Co.

date 4/84

street & number 391 Library Park South

telephone (614)221-0358

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title SHPO

date 9/10/84

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

for Melvyn Byrd  
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 10/25/84

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



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of the Deaf and Dumb. It was opened in 1829 in rented quarters at the corner of Broad and High Streets in Columbus. A 10 acre site was purchased at Town and Washington Streets and in 1834 the new building was ready for occupancy. The original building was replaced with the Second Empire structure in 1867-68 and the building included in this nomination was completed in 1899. The Ohio Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb was the fifth such institution founded in the United States. It was preceeded by institutions in Hartford, New York, Philadelphia and Danville, Kentucky. It was also the first public institution for the handicapped in Ohio and was followed by the Ohio State School for the Blind in 1839 and the Institution for the Education of Imbecile Youth in 1857. In Columbus there have survived early buildings from four major state institutions: the deaf and dumb school; the Ohio Institution for the Education of the Blind (1874, now Department of Highway Safety, listed NR); the Ohio Hospital for Lunatics (1877, now Columbus State Hospital); and the Ohio Asylum for the Education of Idiotic and Imbecile Youth (1868, now Columbus State Institute).

As noted in the Description, the school building at the deaf and dumb school is the only remaining structure, apart from the powerhouse to the north. The site itself, a ten-acre plot, was purchased in 1829 for use as an institution for the deaf. This use lasted, in a variety of structures, until the entire institution moved to the city's north side in the 1950s. The State of Ohio used the school building and the 1869 original structure until the late 1970s, when they were emptied and left vacant. After the destruction of the 1869 structure (arson the most likely cause), the school was leased to the City of Columbus and has now been leased to a private developer; it is to be rehabilitated for office use.

The need to build another facility for the Deaf School in 1899 was due to the need for additional classroom space to accomodate the steadily increasing enrollment and diversity in teaching methods. According to statistics provided by the Ohio School Annual Report (1899, 1900, 1901) the number of students enrolled in the Deaf School averaged about 533 each year. (statistics were not available prior to 1899) In order to provide for the education of a greater number of handicapped children, the General Assembly passed legislation in 1897 which required "the proper instruction in the State Institute for Deaf and Dumb for children who are both blind and dumb".<sup>1</sup> This meant an expanded range of teaching methods to include oral, manual and combined methods of instruction and a greater number of teachers.

<sup>1</sup> Ohio School Annual Report, 1898, p. 128.

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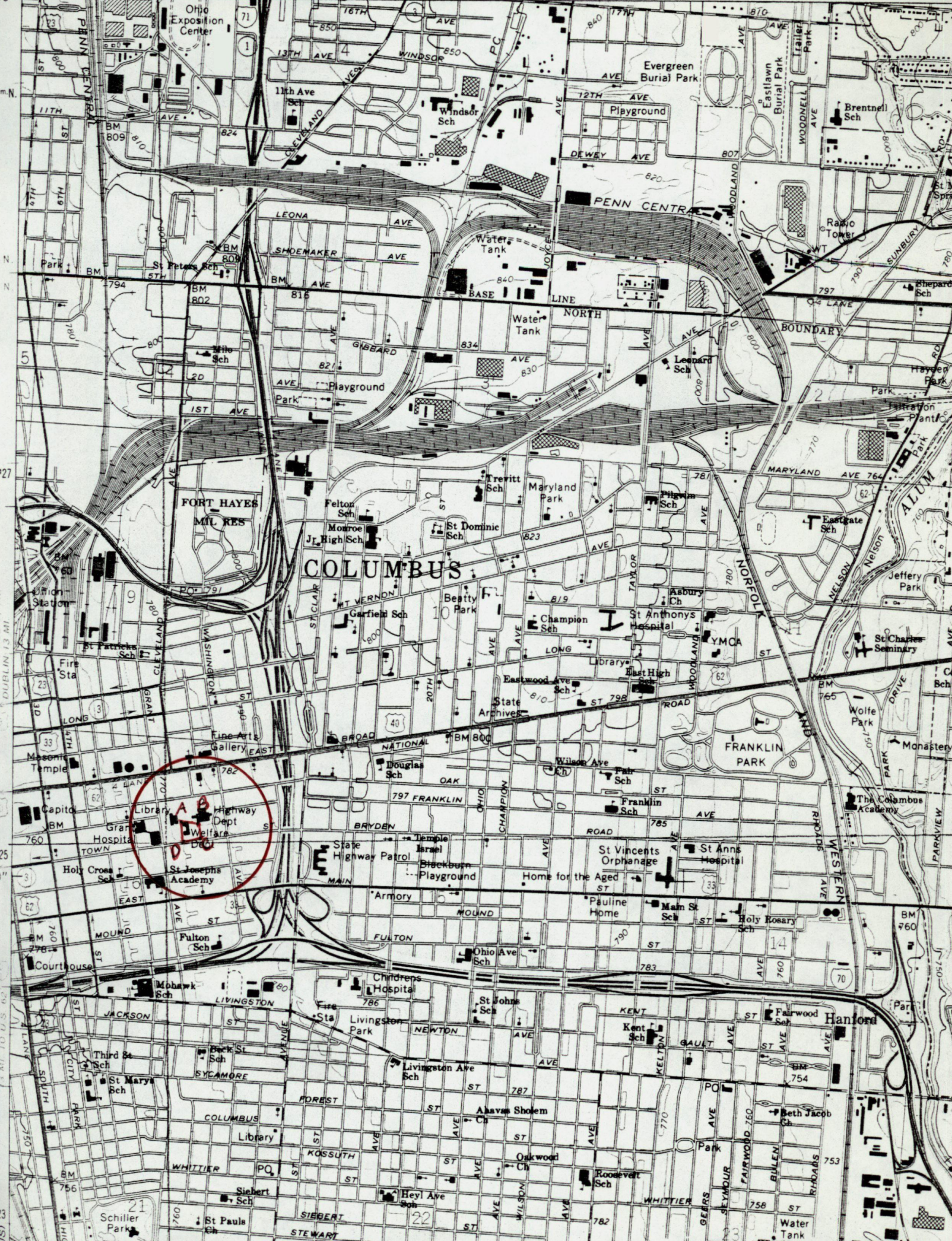
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UTM References:

- A) 17 330080 4425115
- B) 17 330180 4425100
- C) 17 330180 4425020
- D) 17 330070 4425000







NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Ohio Institution for the Education of the Deaf  
and Dumb  
Franklin County  
OHIO

Working No. SEP 19 1984  
Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Due: 10/18/84 - 11/3/84  
Action: ☒ ACCEPT  
☒ RETURN 10/10/84  
☐ REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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<br>Public Acquisition | Status<br>Accessible | Present Use |
|----------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
|----------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|

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

- |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered  
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site  
☐ moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

## 8. Significance

Period Areas 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

Ohio Institution for the Education of the Deaf  
and Deaf  
Franklin County  
OHIO

- ☐ resubmission
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Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name

UTM References

Please provide 3 or more UTM Reference Points for the 10 acres nominated.

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

title date

## 13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed

*Delores Byers*

Date

10/10/84

Phone:

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Ohio Institution for the Education of the Deaf  
and Dumb  
Franklin County  
OHIO

Working No. 9-19-84  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86  
Date Due: 12/7/84  
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 10-25-84  
☐ RETURN  
☐ REJECT

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

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

- |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered  
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site  
☐ moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas 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

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM 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 \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet*





DEAF SCHOOL  
Franklin County, Ohio  
Nancy Recchie  
393 Library Pk. S., Cols., Ohio

February, 1984  
North and east elevations





DEAF SCHOOL

Franklin County, Ohio

Nancy Recchie

393 Library Park South, Cols., Ohio

February, 1984

East elevation showing main  
entrances





Franklin County, Ohio  
Deaf School  
Jeff Darbee  
Benjamin D. Rickey & Co.

391 Library Pk. S., Cols.  
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Powerhouse



DEAF SCHOOL

Franklin County, Ohio

Nancy Recchie

393 Library Pk. S., Columbus, Ohio

February, 1984

West elevation showing gymnasium wing





Franklin County, Ohio  
Deaf School  
Jeff Darbee  
Benjamin D. Rickey & Co.

391 Library Park S., Cols.  
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South (Town St.) elevation

A black and white photograph of a brick wall. On the left, a section of the wall is made of dark bricks. To the right, a lighter-colored stone wall features a carved face of a person with a wide, toothy grin. Below the face is a rectangular stone plaque with a recessed border. The plaque contains the following text:

WORK COMMENCED SEPT. 19 1898.  
BLDG. DEDICATED OCT. 18 1899.  
RICHARDS MCCARTY AND  
BYLFORD ARCHITECTS.  
GEORGE M. SCHNEIDER  
CONTRACTOR.

Below the plaque, there is a dark, horizontal stone base.



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Franklin County, Ohio

Nancy Recchie

393 Library Pk. S., Columbus, Ohio

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Cornerstone

DEAF SCHOOL



DEAF SCHOOL

Franklin County, Ohio

Nancy Recchie

393 Library Pk.S., Cols., Oh

February, 1907

West elevation





DEAF SCHOOL

Franklin County, Ohio

Nancy Recchie

393 Library Pk. S., Cols. Oh

February, 1984

Decorative detail on south  
elevation



BE STRONG THE FEARS OF THE  
FEAR NOT DEAF SHALL  
BEHOLD BE VNSTOP  
GOD WILL COME ED AND THE  
WITH A TONGUE OF THE  
RECOMPENCE DVMB SING



DEAF SCHOOL

Franklin County, Ohio

Nancy Recchie

393 Library Pk. S., Cols., Oh

February, 1984

Detail of one of the main  
entrances



DEAF SCHOOL

Franklin County, Ohio

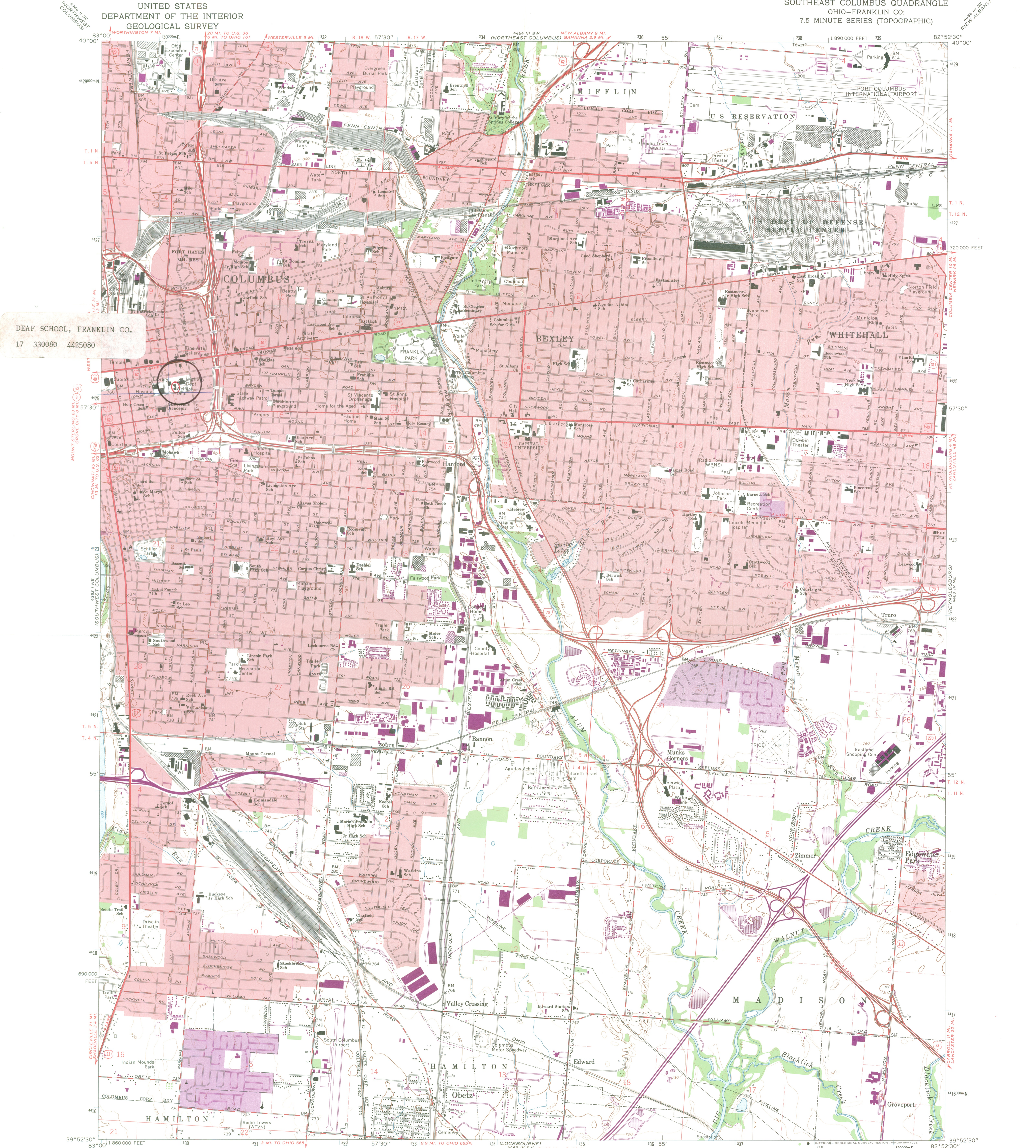
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February, 1984

Detail of stone carving  
around the main entrances





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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and City of Columbus  
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken  
1953 and 1954. Topography by planetable surveys 1955. Revised 1964  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, south 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  
Area north of Base Line lies within the United States Military District  
Land lines based on the Base Line of the United States Military District  
Area south of Base Line lies within Congress Lands east of the Scioto River  
Land lines within Ts. 4 and 5 N.-R. 22 W. based on the Scioto River Base  
Land lines within Ts. 11 and 12 N.-R. 21 W. based on the Ohio River Base

UTM GRID AND 1973 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with  
State of Ohio agencies from aerial photographs taken  
1973. This information not field checked  
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

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

SOUTHEAST COLUMBUS, OHIO  
N3952.5—W8252.5/7.5  
1964  
PHOTOREVISED 1973  
AMS 4463 IV NW—SERIES V852





City of Columbus  
Mayor Dana G. Rinehart

## Office of the Mayor

City Hall  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-4184  
(614) 222-7671

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February 7, 1984

Dr. W. Ray Luce  
Ohio Historic Preservation Office  
Ohio Historical Society  
I-71 & 17th Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43211

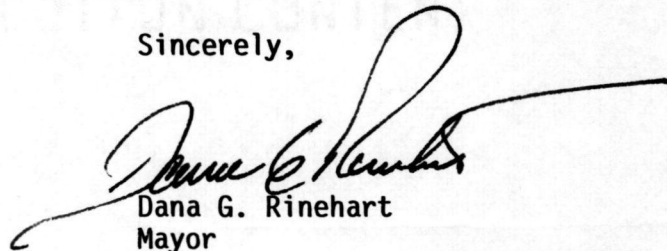
Dear Dr. Luce:

Because the City of Columbus recognizes the historical and architectural significance of the building, known locally as the Deaf School, the City is pleased to lend its support to the nomination of the Deaf School to the National Register of Historic Places.

Also, because the building has been vacant for a number of years and because the adaptive reuse of the structure will assist revitalization efforts in the East Town Street area, the City would like to expedite rehabilitation activities. Therefore, I would like to request that at the March 16 meeting of the Ohio Historic Sites Preservation Advisory Board the preliminary hearing be waived in favor of a final hearing.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Dana G. Rinehart  
Mayor

DGR/KB



City of Columbus  
Mayor Dana G. Rinehart

## Recreation and Parks Department

Melvin B. Dodge, Director

City Hall/90 W. Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-4184  
(614) 222-7410

JUN 6 1984

June 4, 1984

Dr. W. Ray Luce  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Ohio Historic Preservation Office  
Ohio Historical Center  
1-71 and 17th Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43211

Dear Dr. Luce:

This letter is to express my support for nomination of the old State School for the Deaf at 408 East Town Street - Columbus, Ohio, to the National Register of Historic Places.

The City of Columbus has leased this property from the State of Ohio, and we have sub-leased a portion of the property, including the school building, to a private developer. The developer plans to rehabilitate the structure in a very sensitive manner, and use of the 25% Investment Tax Credit for historic structures is important to the project.

I encourage you and the State Preservation Board to recommend this property for listing in the National Register. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Melvin B. Dodge, Director  
Recreation and Parks Department

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Member of The National Recreation  
and Parks Association and The Ohio Parks  
and Recreation Association.

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# Ohio Department of Administrative Services

30 EAST BROAD STREET  
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

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August 16, 1984

Ohio Historical Society  
1985 Velma Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43211

Attention: Mr. David A. Simmons  
Inventory and Registration

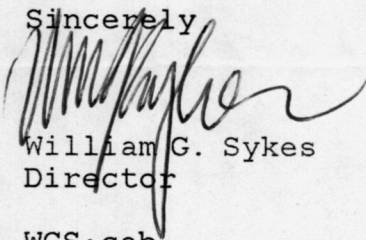
Re: File No. Public Works Current  
(Ohio Institute for the Education of the  
Deaf and Dumb; School Building)  
Franklin County

Dear Mr. Simmons:

In response to your June 18, 1984 letter, and a follow-up telephone call, we are aware that the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board has approved the above mentioned building for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places of the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, United States Department of the Interior. This office has no objection to the nomination, and we are hereby waiving our right to comment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



William G. Sykes  
Director

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