

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Formreceived OCT 31 1984
date entered NOV 29 1984See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections**1. Name**

historic McCarthy/Blosser/Dillon Building

and or common

2. Location

street & number 4 W. Main Street not for publication

city, town Logan vicinity of

state OH code 039 county Hocking code 073

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

4. Owner of Property

name Neal and Fern Dillon

street & number 14616 St. Rt. 664

city, town Logan vicinity of state Ohio

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Hocking Co. Courthouse, Recorder's Office

street & number Main Street

city, town Logan state OH

6. Representation in Existing Surveystitle Ohio Historic Inventory has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ nodate 1977 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Ohio Historical Center

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

Built in 1883, the McCarthy/Blosser/Dillon building is a 3 story, masonry load bearing building of the Victorian Italic style, which sets on a foundation of hand quarried Ohio limestone. The exterior of the building features panels of inset brick between brick pilasters which house the second and third floors. These panels on the east face envelope the windows which are further enhanced by hand quarried and hand carved stone lintels and sills. The main facade of the building on the second and third floors also consist of inset brick panels housing the windows which are between engaged stone pilasters. The windows are further delineated by headers of stone carved lintels with brackets. Protecting the structure is a plain stone boxed cornice with brackets which projects approximately 2 ft. over the south and east faces of the building.

The first floor facade on the east is face brick flush with the brick pilasters. Here were several doors and windows which appeared similar to the upper story windows. On the main facade, the stone pilasters were carried to grade level with full glazed store front and double door flush entry with a single light transom.

Presently the exterior of the second and third floors stand untouched except for the painted trim which further accentuates the inset panels. On the first floor, attempts have been made to modernize the main entrance and a new rear entrance by attaching a "man-made" cut stone veneer. The first floor on Market Street has been altered by numerous openings to accommodate changes in mechanical equipment. Also, original door and window openings have been bricked up as the interior functions changed.

The building suffered a fire in 1980 which virtually gutted the interior. The present owners have renovated the structure and restored the first floor storefront as closely as possible to its original appearance, (see copies of old newspapers attached).

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/
<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 checked="" 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 1883-84

Builder/Architect Milt Gafney (for Charles & Elizabeth McCarthy)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The McCarthy/Blosser/Dillon Building is significant under Criteria C as the best representation of late nineteenth century commercial architecture in Logan, Ohio. The building represents the commercial and downtown development of Logan which typifies many small towns throughout Ohio.

Built in 1883-84, the building displays characteristics of Victorian Italianate commercial architecture which presents a lively, varied facade. This is particularly evident in the upper two stories which are delineated vertically by stone pilasters flanking recessed bays and horizontally by a plain entablature between the two floors. The building also features stone carved lintels and is topped by a full entablature with brackets supporting the cornice. During the 1860-1890 period, the structures built in Logan were of a commercial architectural style similar to the Blosser/Dillon building, but today it is only one of the two remaining in downtown Logan. This building stands alone as an example of the Victorian Italianate Style.

The building is located at the intersection of Main and Market Street in the center of town. It sits directly across from the Thomas Worthington Park and diagonally across from the Hocking County Courthouse. Although the continuity of the street is disrupted by the vacant lot to the west of the building, it is located on a corner lot and does still read well from the south and east elevations which were always visible.

Built by Milt Gafney, the building housed Harrington's Drug Store and later, at the turn-of-the-century, the Louis Bort Drug Store. Mr. Bort manufactured his own patent medicines in the back room of the building on the first floor. He travelled about Ohio and West Virginia to various county fairs, selling his wares from a tent. Some of the patents are still held by his descendents living in Logan. As was often the case in 19th century commercial blocks, the second floor of the building was used for law offices and the third floor was the home of the exclusive Crescent Club, the most elite social club in Logan of the 1890 era; later home of the Red Men's Lodge. In 1928 Clarence Blosser opened Blossers Restaurant on the first floor, which was housed in the building until the fire.

Logan developed as a transportation center for coal and clay products processed in the Hocking Valley. In the 1840s the community served as a port on the Hocking Canal, a branch of the Ohio Canal which extended from Cleveland on the Lake Erie to Portsmouth on the Ohio River. Until the coming of the railroads in the 1870s the canal was the dominant factor in the growth and economy of Logan. The great days of the railroad in Logan were around the turn-of-the-century. It was during this time that many commercial buildings were constructed reflecting this growth. This building boom continued in the early twentieth century with the construction of the Ambrose Hotel in 1906; the Elk's building in 1909; the post office in 1915; the present Courthouse and the Logan Theatre both in 1925. After a fire in 1947 which destroyed a portion of the historic fabric along Main Street, the McCarthy/Blosser/Dillon building stands as the best representation of the late nineteenth century commercial development of Logan.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Interview, Mrs. Helen Mowrey, Logan, Ohio, August 8, 1980
Auditor's records, Hocking County Courth House, Logan, Ohio, Probate Records, same location
Journal Gazette Souvenir Editions, Dec. 1896 & March 26, 1908
Democrat Sentinel, various dates

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Logan

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The property nominated is a rectangular lot 22' x 150', bounded on the south by W. Main St., on the east by N. Market St., on the north a public alley and Mutual Federal Savings & Loan, on the east by an empty lot.

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

state	n/a	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

Mrs. Helen Mowrey, Hocking Co. Historical Society member,
name/title David C. Hughes, Architect; Susan Hartzband, Regional Preservation Officer
Southern Ohio Regional
organization 3D/Group, Inc.; History/Architecture; **date** 8/8/80 and 12/21/83
Hocking Co. Historical Society
street & number 8 E. Long St. - P. O. Box 262 **telephone** (614) 224-8651 & (614) 385-2184
city or town Columbus & Logan **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

W. Ray Love

title *SHPO*

date *7/5/84*

For NPS use only

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

Entered in the
National Register

date *11-29-84*

for *Allores Byer*
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

McCarthy-Blosser-Dillon Building
Hocking County
OHIO

Working No. OCT 3 / 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 11-29-84 / 12-15-84
Action: ACCEPT 11-29-84
RETURN
REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- ☐ 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

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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

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UTM References _____

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State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



1. Barnhart/Blosser/Dillon Building
2. Logan, Ohio
3. Edward McMillen
4. June, 1980
5. 3D/Group, Inc.
8 E. Long Street
Columbus, Ohio
6. South and east elevations from the
County Courthouse looking Northwest
7. One



~~F. O. B. B. S.~~

BLOSSER'S
RESTAURANT

We Welcome Families

RESTAUR

1. Barnhart/Blosser/Dillon Building
2. Logan, Ohio
3. Edward McMillen
4. June, 1980
5. 3D/Group, Inc.
8 E. Long Street
Columbus, Ohio
6. Closeup of the south elevation looking Northwest
7. Two



1. Barnhart/Blosser/Dillon Building
2. Logan, Ohio
3. Edward McMillen
4. June, 1980
5. 3D/Group, Inc.
8 East Long Street
Columbus, Ohio
6. Cornice detail looking Northwest
7. Three



1. Barnhart/Blosser/Dillon Building
2. Logan, Ohio
3. Edward McMillen
4. June, 1980
5. 3D/Group, Inc.
8 E. Long Street
Columbus, Ohio
6. Cornice detail looking North
7. Four



1. Barnhart/Blosser/Dillon Building
2. Logan, Ohio
3. Edward McMillen
4. June, 1980
5. 3D/Group, Inc.
8 E. Long Street
Columbus, OH
6. Brick inset detail looking West
7. Five



1. Barnhart/Blosser/Dillon Building
2. Logan, Ohio
3. Edward McMillen
4. June, 1980
5. 3D/GROUP, INC.
8 E. Long Street
Columbus, Ohio
6. South elevation looking North
7. Six



McCarthy/Blosser/Dillon Building

Logan, Hocking County, Ohio

August 1984

Photographer: Steve Gordon

Negs: OHPO

view: streetscape, looking west



McCarthy/Blosser/Dillon Building

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August 1984

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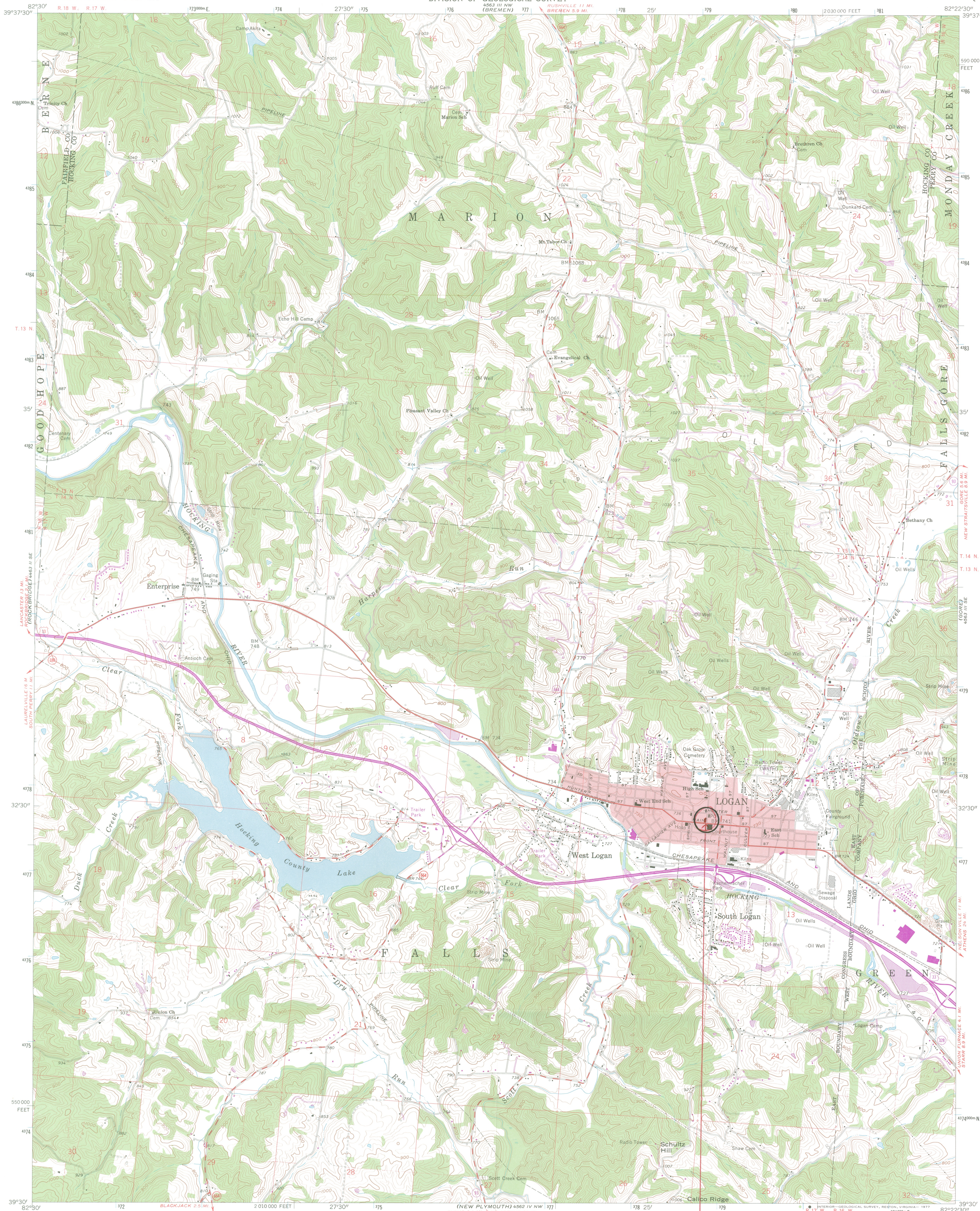
Negs: OHPO

view: south facade, looking north



McCarthy/Blosser/Dillon Building
Logan, Hocking County, Ohio
August 1984
Photographer; Steve Gordon
Negs; OHPO

view: south and east elevations, looking NW



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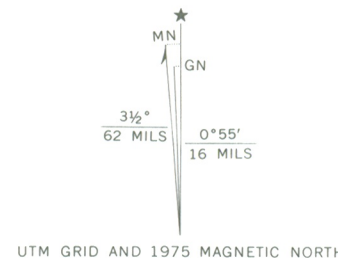
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, south zone
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zone 17, shown in blue

Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown

Land lines based on the Ohio River Base. Dotted land
lines established by private subdivision of the Ohio
Company Purchase

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



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 10-FOOT CONTOURS
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

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Location of Blosser/Dillon Building
4 W. Main Street
17 378935 4377460



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

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

LOGAN, OHIO

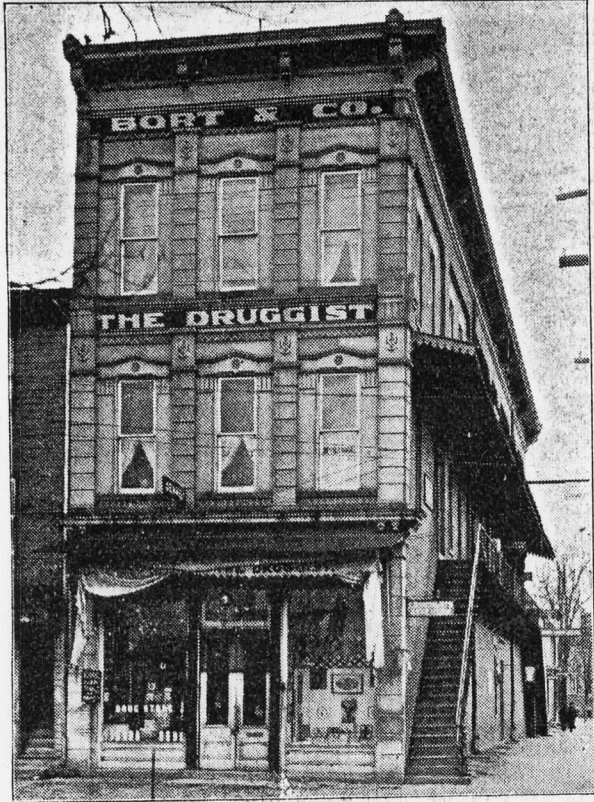
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State of Ohio agencies from aerial photographs taken
1975. This information not field checked

Mar. 26, 1908
Journal Gazette

Home of Bort's Headache Powders.



Bort's Headache Powders have they do it right and no unpleasant been used for 20 years, and are the results. If you want the best, the preparation that has made the name surest Remedy for Headache, Neuralgia, Nervousness, or Sleeplessness, try Bort's Headache Powders. Prepared only by Bort & Co. The Drug- West Virginia. They cure Headache, gists, Logan, Ohio.

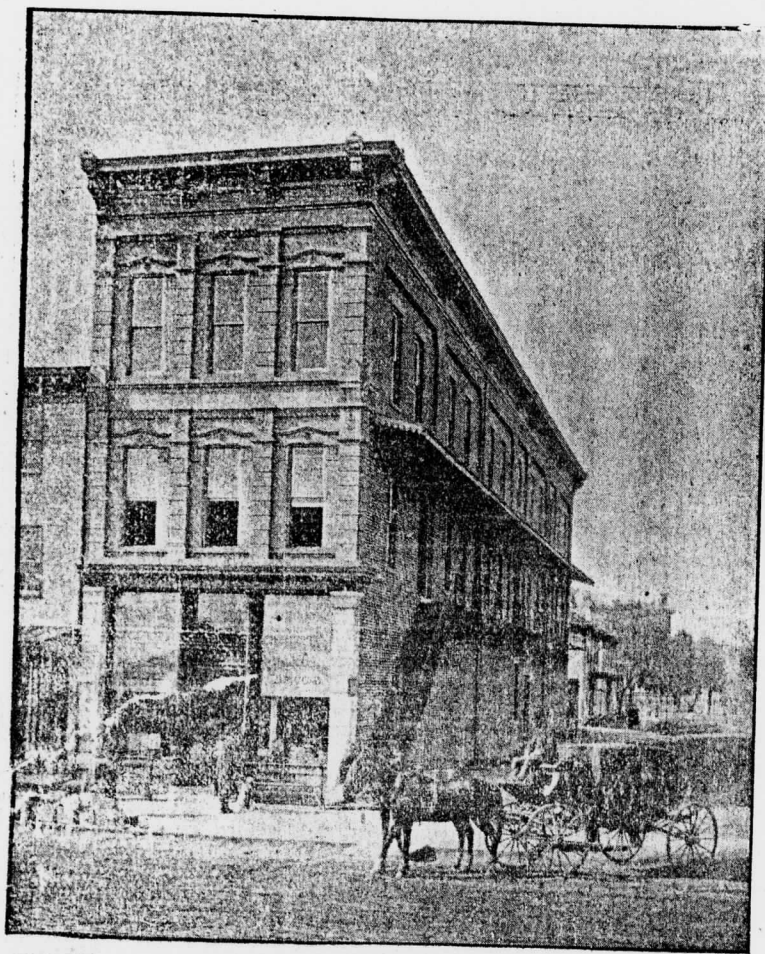
McCarthy/Blosser/Dillon Building
4 W. Main St.
Logan, Hocking County, Ohio
historic article, Journal Gazette,
March 26, 1908

Dec. 1896

F. Harrington,

WHOLESALE and retail dealer in drugs, books, stationery, wall paper, albums, pictures, etc. This store that has the reputation of being one of the finest of its kind in south-eastern Ohio, had a humble origin. Mr. Harrington began business in a small way in the room now occupied by John Frisch, in 1869. Three years later he moved into

hardware, of all kinds, also, doors, sash, blinds, paints, oils and varnishes, are carried in an adjacent room. A great variety of miners and mechanics tools and farm supplies are also shown in the wareroom. Passing into the next apartment a large assortment of widths and dimensions of flat and round iron, nails, sheet irons, roofing materials, pumps etc., are shown. The annex 20 x 60 feet, is used for a storage room and for



F. HARRINGTON'S DRUG STORE.

No. 2 Kempel Opera House. With the better facilities for displaying his stock his business rapidly increased until in a few years he added two more rooms to his establishment, remaining there until 1885, when he moved into his present large and commodious room, corner Main and Market Streets. Mr. Harrington carries a large stock, has facilities for doing a large business not surpassed by any house between Columbus and the Ohio River, either at wholesale or retail.

the display of wire netting in various weaves and widths, carriage and wagon makers supplies, fencing wire, grass seed of all kinds, etc. They handle in another building blasting powder, dynamite etc., for mining purposes. They are sole agents for McCullough's celebrated mixed paints, and for the "Birdsell Wagon," an illustration of which ap-

McCarthy/Blosser/Dillon Building
4 W. Main St.
Logan, Hocking County, Ohio
historic article, Journal Gazette,
December, 1896



The building is a large, two-story structure with a prominent gabled roof. It is situated on a corner lot, with a street running along the front and side. The building has many windows, some of which are boarded up. The overall appearance is that of a well-used, functional building.

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