

DATA SHEET

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania
COUNTY: Perry
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE FEB 24 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
Perry County Courthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Center Square

CITY OR TOWN:
New Bloomfield

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
9

STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42** COUNTY: **Perry** CODE: **099**

3. CLASSIFICATION

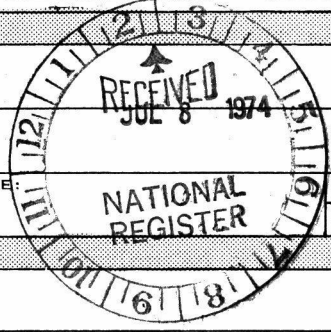
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:



STATE: **Pennsylvania**
COUNTY: **Perry**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Perry County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Center Square

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:
New Bloomfield **Pennsylvania** **42**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Perry County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Center Square

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:
New Bloomfield **Pennsylvania** **42**

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Perry County Courthouse, designed by Jacob Bishop, has been extensively altered since its original construction in 1826. Prior to its remodeling over forty years later the exterior appeared much simpler, lacking architectural adornments and was structurally square rather than oblong. An addition was made to the north end or rear of the building with the remodeling in 1868 and before the end of the century an annex was built. Much of the early construction was carried out by John Rice who was also contracted to build the county jail.

Today, the courthouse with its classical trim appears as a product of the Greek Revival. The two story white brick structure measures three bays across and six bays long. A low hip roof is crowned with a cupola designed by James M. Duncan in 1826, and a small gable appears at the front. Resting on a square base with a cornice, the cupola is embellished with elaborately carved consoles and small pediments. The bell is encased in an arcaded section which supports an entablature with modillions. Prominent keystones and imposts articulate the arches and modified Corinthian columns flank the openings. Balustrades span the base of these openings. The ribbed copper dome bears decorative metal pieces and a finial with a fish weathervane. When the front of the building was entirely altered in 1868, pilasters, which achieve a rusticated buttress effect, were applied to the four corners, the east and west sides near the front, and to either side of the front entrance. Around the whole structure a string course of brick with quarter round coping separates the first floor from the second.

The fenestration on the front includes five windows and an entrance way. Facing the building the right lower story window is blocked in but was included to retain symmetry of design. Both windows on this level have a semi-circular arched surround and a projecting sash with two supporting consoles underneath. On the upper level the two outer windows have round arched openings with pronounced keystones and above this a pediment head supported by larger consoles. In place of a cornerstone a circular plaque giving the date of completion appears above the south west corner window. The center window, slightly larger than the rest, is flanked by two composite order columns supporting a round arch with keystone. The entire window is set off by two pairs of larger fluted Corinthian columns, freestanding but close to the wall. A balustrade at the foot of the window connects these columns, which serve as extensions of the brick piers or pilasters below and as supports for the gable end pediment above. The pediment is formed with a molded cornice, dentils, and modillions which continue around the entire structure. The doorway just below this window has a vaulted recession, and the stone steps leading to it probably date to 1833. Other side windows are rectangular double hung with stone sills and lintels.

Inside, the courthouse was designed with offices on the first floor and court room and jury rooms on the second. During the remodeling lower level front offices were torn out and winding stairways were built instead. The old court room was divided up into four rooms with a

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1827, 1868, and 1892

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Perry County Courthouse was built in 1826 and completed the next year, settling one of the county's gravest instances of dissention -- that of selecting the county seat. Previous to 1820, the settlers north of the Blue Hills or Kittatinny Mountains, (then part of Cumberland County), complained of having to cross the mountains to reach the seat in Carlisle. At certain times of the year the mountains were impassible and even in the best weather a trip to Carlisle meant an overnight stay. The Sherman Valley "separatists," comprising an area of seven townships, eventually petitioned the state government, and the act creating Perry County was signed on March 22, 1820, by Governor William Findley.

Initially the temporary seat of justice was set up in Landisburg, but a more centrally located spot was desired. Within a period of four years four different commissions were appointed to select a site. Finally in 1824, land belonging to George Barnett of New Bloomfield was appointed as the site for a courthouse, jail, and other public buildings. The county commissioners were to "assess, levy, and collect money. . ." for the construction of these buildings.

Since the county prisoners had to be confined in the Cumberland County jail, it was decided to build the jail first. Shortly afterwards the commissioners advertised to receive plans for a courthouse. The plans drawn by Jacob Bishop in 1825 were accepted, and in the same year the contract to build the structure was awarded to John Rice. The latter increased the height of the walls and added a cupola, slightly altering the original plans.

Completed in 1826, the courthouse adequately served the county seat for over 40 years. By 1868, however, the building had become too small and needed improvement. The remodeling enlarged and modernized the structure for a cost of \$25,000, six times the original cost. A \$300 donation from New Bloomfield citizens provided for a clock in the cupola. During renovations county offices were installed in the basement of the Presbyterian Church and court sessions were held in the old Methodist Church on High Street. Then, in 1892 an annex was added to the rear of the building which now appears as a noticeable addition, incongruous with the rest of the structure.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hain, H.H. History of Perry County Pennsylvania. Harrisburg:
Hain--Moore Company Publishers, 1922.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

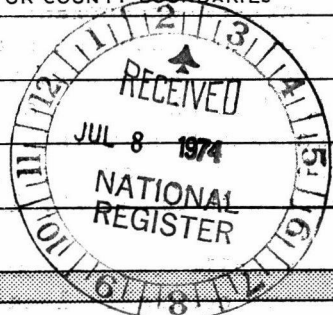
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than one acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Janet C. Smith -- Student Aide**
Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

ORGANIZATION: **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission** DATE: **August, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Box 1026**

CITY OR TOWN: **Harrisburg** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: *William J. Wewer*
William J. Wewer

Title: Executive Director

Date: 7/1/74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

AR Neatman
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 2/24/75

ATTEST:

Arty Perry Emery
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: Feb 20, 1975

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(Continuation Sheet)

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7. Description

hall between. The new court room extended from these offices to the north wall of the old building. The jury rooms were added beyond.

8. Significance

In spite of this latest addition the main portion of the Perry County Courthouse is significant for its architectural style in Greek Revival and for its association with the founding of the county.



PROPERTY Perry County Courthouse STATE Pa.

WORKING NUMBER 7.8.74.1109

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Perry

TECH REVIEW
PHOTOS 2
MAPS 1

CONTROL REVIEW

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OK

HISTORIAN need photo of side & back

Return
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8/21/74

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ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF They've been pretty clear about the renovations and I don't know how much more they can tell us about that but I agree we need more photos. Pls. call.

Accept
Cole
11/25/75

BRANCH CHIEF

called
9/13/74
called
1-27-75
view obstructed
by construction

KEEPER

W. J. Muntz
2/20/75

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry 4-1-75

Re-submit _____

Entered FEB 24 1975



FORM 10-301 A
(6/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Gene R. Boak	June, 1972	New Bloomfield
4. IDENTIFICATION		

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View of front and east side

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View of Cupola

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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Pennsylvania	42	Perry	099

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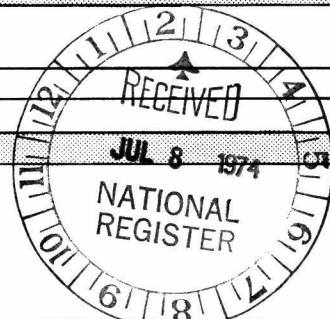
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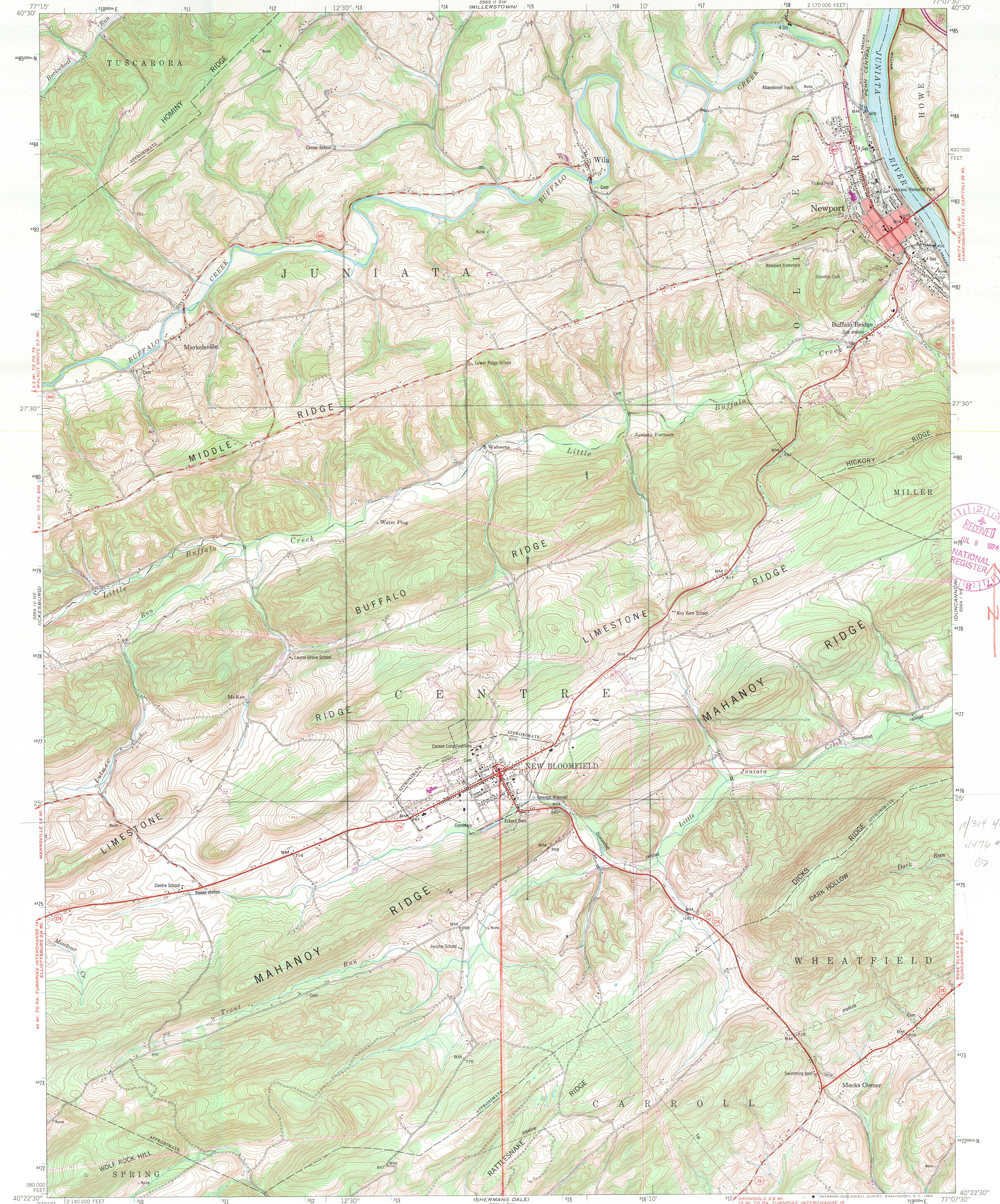
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4. REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
 2. North arrow.
 3. Latitude and longitude reference.



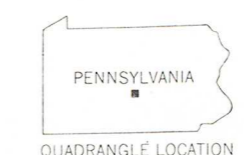
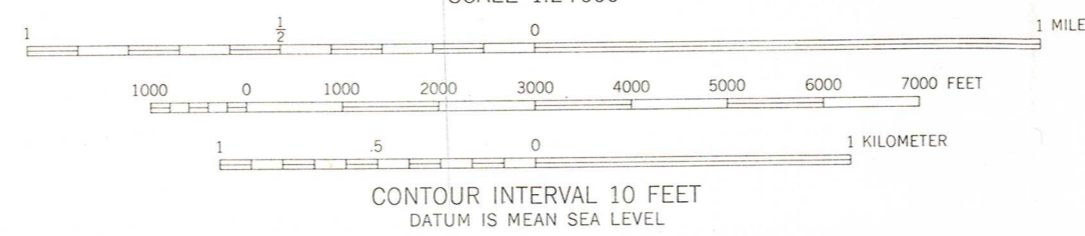
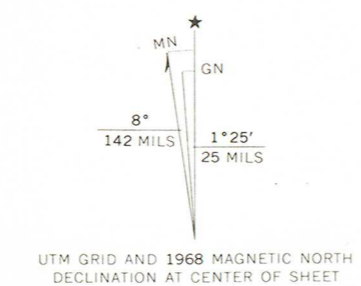
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Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
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landmark buildings are shown
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U.S. Route ——— State Route ———

NEWPORT, PA.
NW/4 NEW BLOOMFIELD 15' QUADRANGLE
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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE PENNSYLVANIA

Date Entered FEB 24 1975

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Potter County Courthouse	Coudersport Potter County
Greensburg Academy	Darlington Beaver County
Dusmal House	Gastonville Washington County
Perry County Courthouse	New Bloomfield Perry County

Also Notified

Hon. Hugh Scott	State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. Richard S. Schweiker	Mr. William J. Wewer, Executive Director
Hon. Albert W. Johnson	Pennsylvania Historical and Museum
Hon. Gary A. Myers	Commission
Hon. Thomas E. Morgan	Box 1026
Hon. E.G. Ehuster	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120
Regional Director, Mid Atlantic Region	

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Mrs. O'Neil Martin

23 Garden Rd.

W. Hollywood

Florida 33023

RECEIVED
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON OFFICE

4-7-75

Sir:

APR 9 4 43 AM '75

I am interested in obtaining the National Register Magazine or paper, & understand it is published by National Park Service. Understand it is ~~a~~ biennially published. I am particularly interested in the article about The Perry County Courthouse

New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania

I am a native of that beautiful little town & read an article in the Perry County Times - March 13th addition

New Bloomfield, Pa. about the publication.

I would be ever so grateful if you can help me obtain a copy of this magazine & bill me

Thank You kindly

Rosalie Horne Martin

Mrs. O'Neil Martin

23 Garden Road

W. Hollywood

Florida 33023

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MAY 30 1975

Perry Co. PA.

Mrs. O'Neil Martin
23 Garden Road
West Hollywood, Florida 33023

Dear Mrs. Martin:

This is in response to your inquiry concerning the Perry County Courthouse.

The Perry County Courthouse was added to the National Register on February 24, 1975. The next edition of "The National Register of Historic Places," which is scheduled for publication in mid-1976, will include descriptions of only those properties added to the Register before January 1, 1975. A subsequent edition will include the courthouse. We are enclosing a copy of the nomination form submitted by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for your use in the meantime. Should you need additional information about the courthouse we suggest you write to the State Historic Preservation Officer for Florida, Mr. W. Robert Williams, Director, Division of Archives, History and Records Management, Department of State, 401 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32304.

We appreciate your interest in our programs and hope that the enclosed material will be helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Charles A. Herrington (Sgd.)

William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register

Enclosure

cc: Mr. W. Robert Williams, Director, Division of Archives, History and Records Management, Department of State, 401 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Regional Director-Southeast Region

bcc: Director's Reading File [PR-w/cy inc.]
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NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Perry County Courthouse 2 OTHER NAMES: _____ 3 date of entry: 2-24-75 4 county code: 99

5 LOCATION street & number: Center Square city / town: New Bloomfield vicinity of: _____ state: PA county: Perry 6 NPS REGION: Mid-Atlantic

7 OWNER PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name) 8 ADMINISTRATOR: _____
 9 EXISTING SURVEYS HABS HAER NHL 10 FUNDED? YES NO 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 9 12 SOURCE of NOMINATION STATE FEDERAL

13 NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO 15 ACREAGE: Less than 1 16 state who prepared form? PA Hist - Museum Comm
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION deteriorated altered original site excellent ruins unaltered moved good unexposed reconstructed unknown fair unexcavated excavated
 17 features: INTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-4 NOT APPLICABLE-7 EXTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-5 NOT APPLICABLE-8 ENVIRONS SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-9

18 ACCESS YES - Restricted YES - Unrestricted No Access Unknown 19 ADAPTIVE USE YES NO 20 SAVED? YES NO IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ARCHAEOLOGY - prehistoric-2 ARCHAEOLOGY - historic-1 AGRICULTURE-3 ARCHITECTURE-4 ART-5 COMMERCE-6 COMMUNICATIONS-7 CONSERVATION-8 ECONOMICS-9 EDUCATION-10 ENGINEERING-11 ENTERTAINMENT-26 EXPLORATION-12 HEALTH-27 INDUSTRY-13 INVENTION-14 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 LAW-16 LITERATURE-17 MILITARY-18 MUSIC-19 PHILOSOPHY-20 POLITICS / GOVT.-21 RELIGION-22 SCIENCE-23 SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 TRANSPORTATION-25 RECREATION-28 SETTLEMENT-29 URBAN PLANNING-31 OTHER (SPECIFY) _____
 22 CLAIMS: explain 'first' 'oldest' 'only'

23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: courthouse CURRENTLY: courthouse 24 dates of initial construction: 1826 major alterations: 1868 - extensive remodeling, enlarged 1892 - enlarged - annex historic events: _____ 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION: _____

26 architectural style(s): Renaissance Revival 27 architect: Jacob Bishop 28 master builder: _____ 29 engineer: _____

30 landscape architect / garden designer: _____ 31 interior decorator: _____ 32 artist: _____ 33 artisan: _____ 34 builder / contractor: John Rice

35 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: _____ EVENTS: _____ INSTITUTIONAL: _____

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP
brick, 2 stories, modified rectangle, low hipped roof; ornate clock tower with octagonal, domed cupola; recessed front center segmental-arched entrance framed by paired restricted pilasters supporting a 2nd-story engaged-pedimented Corinthian porch; segmental-arch and round-arched windows, some pedimented; a simple segmental structure remodeled extensively by the addition of classical elements, 1868; enlarged. Renaissance Revival. built for the county seat of New Bloomfield, appointed in 1824.