

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Seventh and Monroe Streets

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Stroudsburg

VICINITY OF

10th

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Monroe

CODE

089

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<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 type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" 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

County of Monroe

STREET & NUMBER

Seventh and Monroe Streets

CITY, TOWN

Stroudsburg

VICINITY OF

Pennsylvania

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Monroe County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Seventh and Monroe Streets

CITY, TOWN

Stroudsburg

Pennsylvania

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

12/15/77

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE
Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original building or section of the Monroe County Courthouse was constructed in 1890. The Architect was T. I. Lacey and Son and the builders R. S. Shiffer and Sons. This building is 62' wide and 185' long, three stories, attic and basement. The exterior is made of coursed ashlar sandstone from a quarry near Scranton, with carved limestone details on the chimneys, dormer windows, entrances, and bell tower. It had four stone chimneys. The sloping roof was covered with slate. At the top of the roof was a flat area surrounded by ornamental iron railing. The windows are double hung wooden windows. The exterior and interior walls are masonry load bearing. The floors are concrete over an oval-shaped pan and supported by sled beams. The attic floor and roof structure are of heavy timber construction.

The building has a wide central corridor on the basement and first floors. County offices are housed on the first floor. A wide, spacious iron stairway graces both the front and rear hallways.

On the second floor is the Courtroom which is the full width of the building and two stories in height, containing a balcony. The Courtroom seats 250 people. This floor also contains the Judges Chambers, Attorney's Room, and Jury Room. On the third floor are two Grand Jury Rooms, the balcony to the Courtroom and other essential rooms.

An addition was built to the above building in 1934. The Architects were H. T. Rinker and M. R. Kiefer. There was no contractor for the building, but almost every mechanic in the County was employed under a PWA Program. A. L. Rake of East Stroudsburg was the construction supervisor. The addition was the same size and identical in appearance to the original building. Two of the chimneys on the original building were removed and rebuilt on the addition so that the total structure has four chimneys.

The original stone quarry was re-opened and its sandstone blocks used in the addition. The construction of this addition was similar to the original, except the structure has a structural steel frame and reinforced concrete floors. The attic floor is concrete and the roof structure is steel with a fireproof nailable deck.

The first floor of the 1934 addition contains County Offices, i.e. Register and Recorder, and Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts, in addition to the Treasurer's Office. The second floor contains a small Courtroom two stories in height, a Law Library two stories in height, and the Law Library Balcony which provides storage for cabinets of vital law reference books.

The attic of this section houses an Archives Library of newspapers going back to the early 1800's, and deeds, tax records, and other vital statistics.

The basement is utilized for Civil Defense purposes and for offices related to that of the County Commissioners, the Probation Department, and similar County functions.

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <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/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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1890, 1934

BUILDER/ARCHITECT T.L. Lacey & Son/R.S. Shiffer & Son

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Courthouse of Monroe County serves all judicial needs of the county and is the central point from which residents and visitors obtain their comprehension of Law and Order throughout the region. The Court presently has two Judges, a third to be added, and processes one of the heaviest case loads for a Sixth Class County in all of Pennsylvania. The Sheriff's Department works from the Courthouse, and the District Attorney's Office is contained herein. The extensive Law Library is one of the most beautiful rooms in the entire complex.

The simplified Romanesque style of the Courthouse reflects the majestic feelings toward public buildings of the late 1890's. Built of native stone the courthouse is the single most impressive governmental building in all of Monroe County. The interior decorations also reflect this pride and grandeur in the public buildings of this period. Its tall doors with transoms, seven foot wide stairwells with wrought iron railings and black and white mosaic marble floors are just some of the original features that cause the courthouse to remain the central structure in the town of Stroudsburg.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Monroe County Archives

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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QUADRANGLE NAME _____

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	4,8,3	5,8,0	4,5	3,7	1,2	0
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			
C							
E							
G							

B							
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			
D							
F							
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

STATE COUNTY STATE COUNTY STATE COUNTY STATE COUNTY

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Janet Weidensaul, Chief Clerk

ORGANIZATION

Monroe County Commissioners

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Monroe Street

TELEPHONE

717-424-5100

CITY OR TOWN

Stroudsburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

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

William J. Wewer

TITLE

WILLIAM J. WEWER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION

DATE

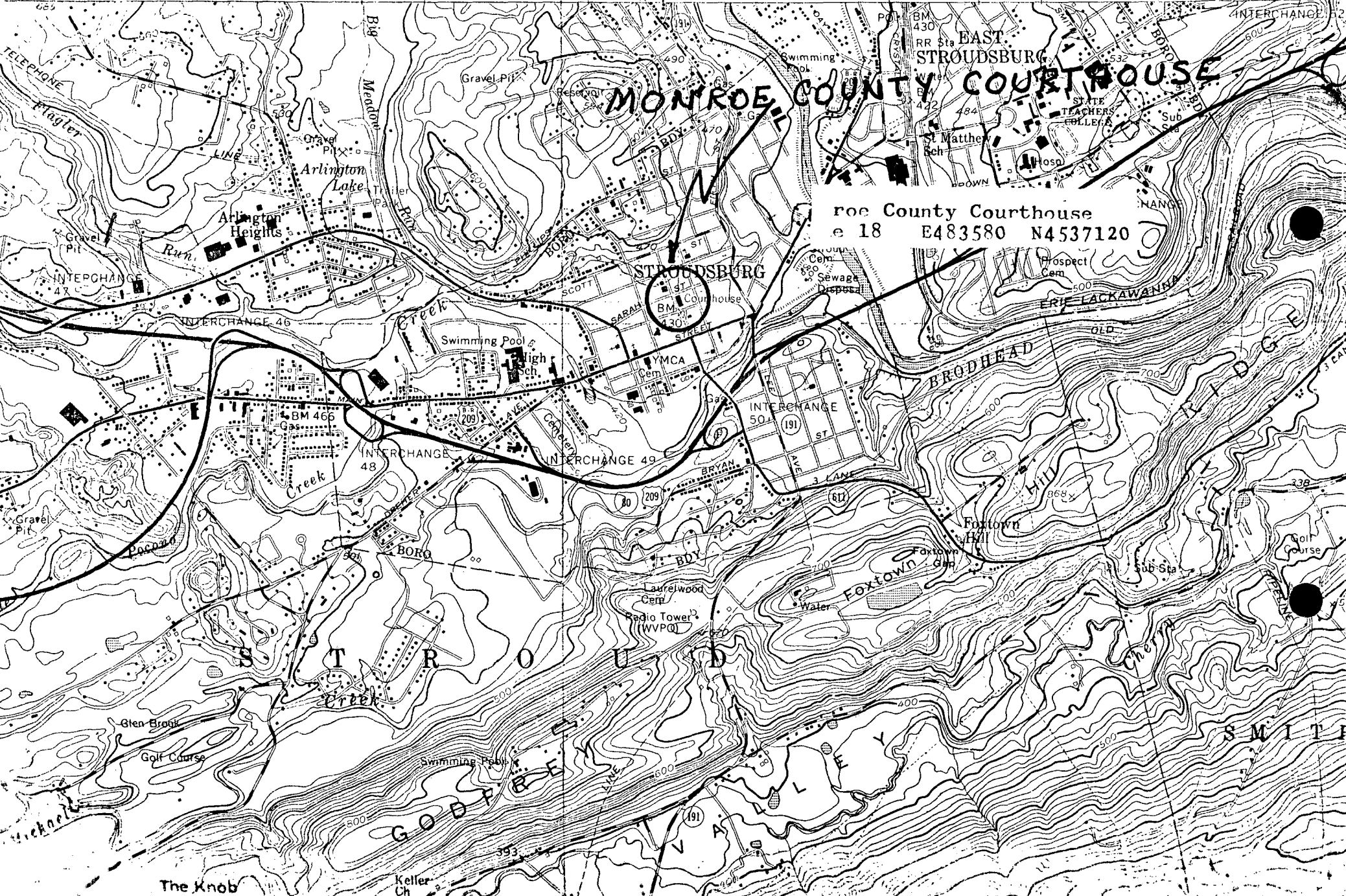
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
	DATE
ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION	

THE INTERIOR SURVEY

HONESDALE 53 MI.
2 700 000 FEET (PA. NORTH) ANALOMINK 4 MI.
12'30" 483
5966 II SW (EAST STROUDSBURG)
PORT JERVIS, N.Y. 41 MI.
MARSHALL CREEK 4.6 MI.

BUSHKILL



MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Monroe County Courthouse
E 18 E483580 N4537120

STROUDSBURG
Courthouse
BM 430

Arlington Heights

INTERCHANGE 48

INTERCHANGE 49

INTERCHANGE 50

BRODHEAD

ERIE-LACKAWANNA

OLD BRIDGE

FOXTOWN

GODFREY

SMITH

The Knob

Keller Ch