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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 MIFFLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
1 West Market Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN
Lewistown

VICINITY OF
9th

STATE
Pennsylvania

CODE
42

COUNTY
Mifflin

CODE
087

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION | <input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mifflin County

STREET & NUMBER
1 West Market Street

CITY, TOWN
Lewistown

VICINITY OF
STATE
Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER
1 West Market Street

CITY, TOWN
Lewistown

STATE
Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE
August, 1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
William Penn Memorial Museum, Box #1026

CITY, TOWN
Harrisburg

STATE
Pennsylvania

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 Mifflin County Courthouse, originally constructed during the years 1842-1843, is a two and one-half story, brick structure in the Greek Revival style. Originally measuring 48 feet by 82 feet, it features an impressive pedimented entranceway and stately cupola. The entranceway features four tall Ionic columns and two engaged pilasters supporting a triangular pediment which dominates the main facade. The front of the building is three bays in width with a main entrance also featuring a triangular pediment supported by engaged pilasters. The recessed doorway has a flush transom panel with a double-leaf, four-panelled door. Windows on either side are flat-arched with keystone and radiating voussoirs, and are characteristic of all first floor windows. The three second floor windows on the main facade are semi-circular in shape and framed with radiating voussoirs; this is also characteristic of second floor windows around the rest of the building.

An impressive boxed cornice with frieze and dentils is characteristic of the roof line around the entire building. A hexagonal-shaped domed cupola rests far above the roof line on a massive, three tiered tower. The first tier is rather plain, the second tier which contains the clock mechanism also features engaged Ionic pilasters at all four corners and decorated roof line while the third tier, hexagonal in shape and supports the cupola.

The interior of the original structure featured public offices on the first floor and the courtroom and grand & petit jury rooms on the second floor. The courthouse was enlarged in 1878 with an addition of approximately forty feet to the rear, thus enabling an expansion of office space. Presently, the interior first floor still features numerous public offices while the second floor has various offices, a large courtroom, judge's chambers, and a jury room.

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/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 checked="" 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 | | | |

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| SPECIFIC DATES | 1842-1843 | BUILDER/ARCHITECT | 1842-43: Holman & Simon 1878: Daniel Ziegler (plans & specifications) Buyers, Guyger, & Co. |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present Mifflin County Courthouse is the third courthouse constructed in the county. The second courthouse, located on the square nearby, was demolished following construction of the present building. Movement for construction of the building began in 1837 when the older building began to require numerous repairs. In 1842, a contract was let to Holman & Simon, and constructed at a cost of \$15,000, construction was completed by December of 1843. Enlarged in 1878, the plans and specifications were drawn by Daniel Ziegler and the contract was let to Buyers, Guyger, & Company for \$9,095 which included the tower.

The courthouse has occupied its location on the square for over 130 years. Constructed in the Greek Revival style, the building is an impressive monument to an earlier era. One of the very few such structures in the area, its stately appearance is characteristic of its role as the focal point of political life in the county.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of the part of the Susquehanna and Juniata Valleys embraced in the Counties of Millfin, Juniata, Perry, Union, and Snyder in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in 2 volumes, (Philadelphia: Everts, Peck, and Richards, 1886, Vol. 1).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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| | ZONE | | EASTING | | | NORTHING | | | ZONE | | EASTING | | NORTHING | |
| C | | | | | | | | D | | | | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David M. Berman, Curator: Office of Historic Preservation

ORGANIZATION

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

March, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

William Penn Memorial Museum, P. O. Box 1026

TELEPHONE

717-787-4363

CITY OR TOWN

Harrisburg

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

Executive Director
 TITLE Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission DATE

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| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER | DATE |
| DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION | DATE |
| ATTEST: | DATE |
| KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER | |

