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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

BRADFORD OLD CITY HALL

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Corner Kennedy &amp; Boylston Streets

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Bradford

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

23rd

STATE

Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF

CODE

42

COUNTY

McKean

CODE

083

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

 DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
 STRUCTURE  
 SITE  
 OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC  
 PRIVATE  
 BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
 IN PROCESS  
 BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

 OCCUPIED  
 UNOCCUPIED  
 WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
 YES: RESTRICTED  
 YES: UNRESTRICTED  
 NO

## PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE  
 COMMERCIAL  
 EDUCATIONAL  
 GOVERNMENT  
 INDUSTRIAL  
 MILITARY  
 MUSEUM  
 PARK  
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 RELIGIOUS  
 SCIENTIFIC  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER:
**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

City of Bradford

STREET &amp; NUMBER

New City Hall, 24 Kennedy Street

CITY, TOWN

Bradford

STATE

Pennsylvania

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

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**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# DESCRIPTION

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

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bradford City Hall is a brick building that measures 90 feet across by 68 feet deep. Its varying embellishments are typical of late Victorian eclecticism. The City Hall is four stories in height with a square tower rising over 100 feet.

The first floor level is rusticated cut and coursed stone while the rest of the structure is predominantly a very dense pressed brick, capable of resisting heavy strain. Portions of window heads, sills, the clock tower, belt courses and other ornamentation are done in dressed stone. The lower three stories are ten bays across by seven bays deep.

The first floor level utilizes rectangular one over one windows. The main entrance is on this level. The second level has large one over one flat arched windows decorated in stone. The third floor continues in the use of brick but features large one over one round head windows with decorated stone work and relief brick work. Festoons appear beneath corner windows on this level. Ionic pilasters beginning on the second level culminate on this level supporting a stone fascia. Above this fascia is a drip course with dentils and modillions. The fourth floor level features a brick exterior with relief brick work, round head windows, decorated brick chimnies, and decorated stone work including balusters. This level has a multiplicity of roof styles including hipped gable and vaulted hipped dormers.

The two outstanding features of this structure are the tower and the main entrance. Rising in excess of 100 feet, the tower rests on two brick sets of ionic pilasters and a stone set of doric pilasters. It is topped with a pyramidal roof and has decorated stone work throughout and a set of stone columns above the fourth floor level. In the vicinity of the columns the tower is open exposing its bell. A four dialed Seth Thomas clock (c. 1910) is the chief attraction of the tower.

The main entrance is basically brick with brick relief work and decorated in stone. It features a main arch surrounded by fluted and plain columns and has a low balcony overhead. Fascia and cornices are of stone, as well as the half fluted window dividers situated on each side of the entrance. This entrance is set off by a brick pedimented gable. Stone finials on the fourth floor and tower have been removed.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1897

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bradford City Hall represents late Victorian eclecticism as found in the towns of predominately rural counties. It is Bradford's effort in incorporating the elegance of the flamboyant Victorian motif into a public edifice. The City Hall employs a number of architectural styles to produce a large municipal building balancing art and function in a sound substantial structure. Buildings of this type represent the awareness of architectural styles in the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania.

Presently involved in a Housing and Urban Development project, the Bradford City Hall may be in danger of demolition.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

None available.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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 / TITLE

Charles Dunlevey

ORGANIZATION

Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

1-5-76

STREET & NUMBER

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission  
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.

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TITLE

Executive Director

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

3/15/76

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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

DATE

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