

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Pennsylvania
COUNTY:	Crawford
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	

1. NAME

COMMON:
Titusville City Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Bush House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
107 North Franklin Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Titusville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
24th

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Crawford CODE: 039

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Titusville

STREET AND NUMBER:
107 North Franklin Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Titusville

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Titusville City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:
107 North Franklin Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Titusville

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None Known

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Titusville City Hall was originally constructed as a private residence c. 1865. Once regarded as "the most elegant private residence in the city", the structure is a fine example of the Greek Revival temple form house.

The frame structure is five bays wide, two and one-half stories high, and has a low-pitched gable roof. The most outstanding feature is the large three-bay portico made up of four Ionic columns which support an entablature and pediment. Pilasters are located at either end of the portico along the facade as well as at the front corners of the building. The heavy entablature is marked by a plain frieze and architrave, and the pediment features a small arched window in its center. A balcony with balustrade, attached between the first and second floors, is sheltered by the portico.

The windows on the first and second floors are double-hung sash and are surrounded by plain molding with shelves. Windows in the gable portion are double-hung sash with mullions. Besides the entablature mentioned above, the roof trim features a plain box cornice with returns. Pedimented dormers are visible at either side of the portico.

The rear of the structure contains two wings which were probably added some time between 1865 and 1872. When the building became the city hall in 1872, it was repaired and remodeled.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian; 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1865

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Soon after its construction as a private residence around the year 1865, the building was sold and then transformed into a hotel. Known as the "Bush House", the hotel became a landmark to an area in the heart of the oil region of northwestern Pennsylvania. Until 1872, ~~then~~, the structure served as a center of social life for the city and the region.

In 1872, with the need of the local governing authorities for better facilities, the Bush House was acquired by the city and became the Titusville City Hall. It has continued to serve in this capacity for over 100 years.

In terms of architecture, the Titusville City Hall, as a Greek Revival temple-form house, is unique to the area.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Titusville Herald, April 29, 1872.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **approx. 2 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
James B. Stevenson, Editor/David M. Berman, Curator

ORGANIZATION: **The Titusville Herald/Penna. Historical & Museum Commission** DATE: **April, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
209 West Spring Street/William Penn Memorial Museum

CITY OR TOWN: **Titusville/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
Pa. Historical & Museum Commission

Date 10/25/74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

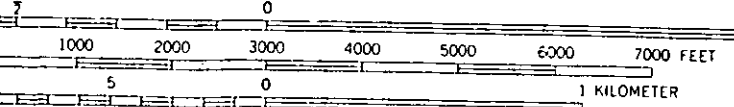
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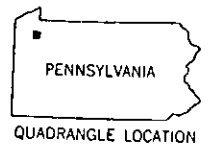
(TITUSVILLE SOUTH) 5067 II SW
 CHERRYTREE 7 MI. OIL CITY 15 MI.

SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

Titusville City Hall
 41°37'38" 79°41'06"



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

613 INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C.—1971
 614000m.E. 41°37'30" 79°37'30"

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, all weather, hard surface
- Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface
- Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
- Unimproved road, fair or dry weather

○ State Route

TITUSVILLE NORTH, PA.

NW/4 TITUSVILLE 15' QUADRANGLE
 N4137.5—W7937.5/7.5