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DATA SHEET

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

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wh
Perry County Courthouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Main and Pine Streets

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Perryville

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Third

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY

Perry

CODE

105

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

__DISTRICT

X_PUBLIC

X_OCCUPIED

__AGRICULTURE

__MUSEUM

__BUILDING(S)

__PRIVATE

__UNOCCUPIED

__COMMERCIAL

__PARK

X_STRUCTURE

__BOTH

__WORK IN PROGRESS

__EDUCATIONAL

__PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

__ENTERTAINMENT

__RELIGIOUS

__OBJECT

__IN PROCESS

__YES: RESTRICTED

X_GOVERNMENT

__SCIENTIFIC

__BEING CONSIDERED

X_YES: UNRESTRICTED

__INDUSTRIAL

__TRANSPORTATION

__NO

__MILITARY

__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Perry County (Melvin Brand, County Judge)

STREET & NUMBER

Perry County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Perryville

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Arkansas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Perry County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Perryville

STATE

Arkansas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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

SPECIFIC DATES

1888

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The largest number of architecturally significant public buildings in Arkansas are the county courthouses. As the center of local politics, the courthouse is often the largest and most costly building in the county. The Perry County Courthouse in Perryville is the most important public historic structure in the county.

Perry County, located in central Arkansas, was created by the state legislature on December 14, 1840. The new county was formed from the portion of Conway County which lay south of the Arkansas River, and was named for an American naval hero in the War of 1812, Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry.

The first county seat was in the log home of John L. Houston. In 1841 Houston and John Greathouse agreed to donate land on which to build a courthouse in the newly founded town of Perryville. The county seat was established in Perryville in 1841, and a log building was constructed to house court offices. Following a fire in 1850, a second log courthouse was constructed on the same site.

In 1872 a large frame building replaced the log courthouse. Located about one-half mile distant from the log courthouse, this building was situated on the third and final courthouse site. Successive fires plagued the county courthouse, but each replacement was located on the 1872 site.

Since its construction in 1888 the present Perry County Courthouse has been enlarged with additions, but has not been greatly altered. The two-story brick structure is of a simple rectangular floor plan and features a truncated hip roof. The architectural style is extremely simple with an undecorated cornice, plain windows set in wood frames and an entablature over the two main entries. The building rests on the Perry County court square.

Despite its central Arkansas location and proximity to the state's most populous county (Pulaski), Perry County has always been among the least populated of Arkansas' seventy-five counties. Very few historic or architecturally significant structures remain in the area, thus increasing the importance of the courthouse.

Among the very small number of historic structures still standing in Perry County, the courthouse is decidedly the most significant. The building dominates the Perryville business district, and is the most important historic man-made landmark in Perry County.

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Works Progress Administration. Perry County, c. 1940. Place file, Archives,
Arkansas History Commission.

Property Perry County Courthouse

State ARK Working Number 3.31.76.2903

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TECHNICAL

Photos 2
Maps 1

CONTROL
cm

OK 4.6.76

Better than some other Arkansas Courthouses.

HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
L. Engood
30 June 76

Too bad about the white paint
& those green shutters! Some people
can't leave good enough alone without
"fixing it up."

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
D. Losh
23 June 1976

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Colz
7.1.76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

[Signature]
7-1-76

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 8-3-76 Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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Perry County Courthouse

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AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

Perryville

— VICINITY OF

COUNTY
Perry

STATE
Arkansas

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Dianna Kirk

DATE OF PHOTO February, 1976

NEGATIVE FILED AT Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
South elevation, viewed from the southeast

PHOTO NO.

142

from the southeast

142



Perry County Courthouse
Perryville, Arkansas

2. north elevation, viewed from the north

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
North elevation, viewed from the north

PHOTO NO.

2 42

GPO 892-454

242

PROPERTY

NPS Number

Title:

Loc.

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Perryville

___ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Perry

STATE

Arkansas

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE U. S. G. S., Perryville Quadrangle

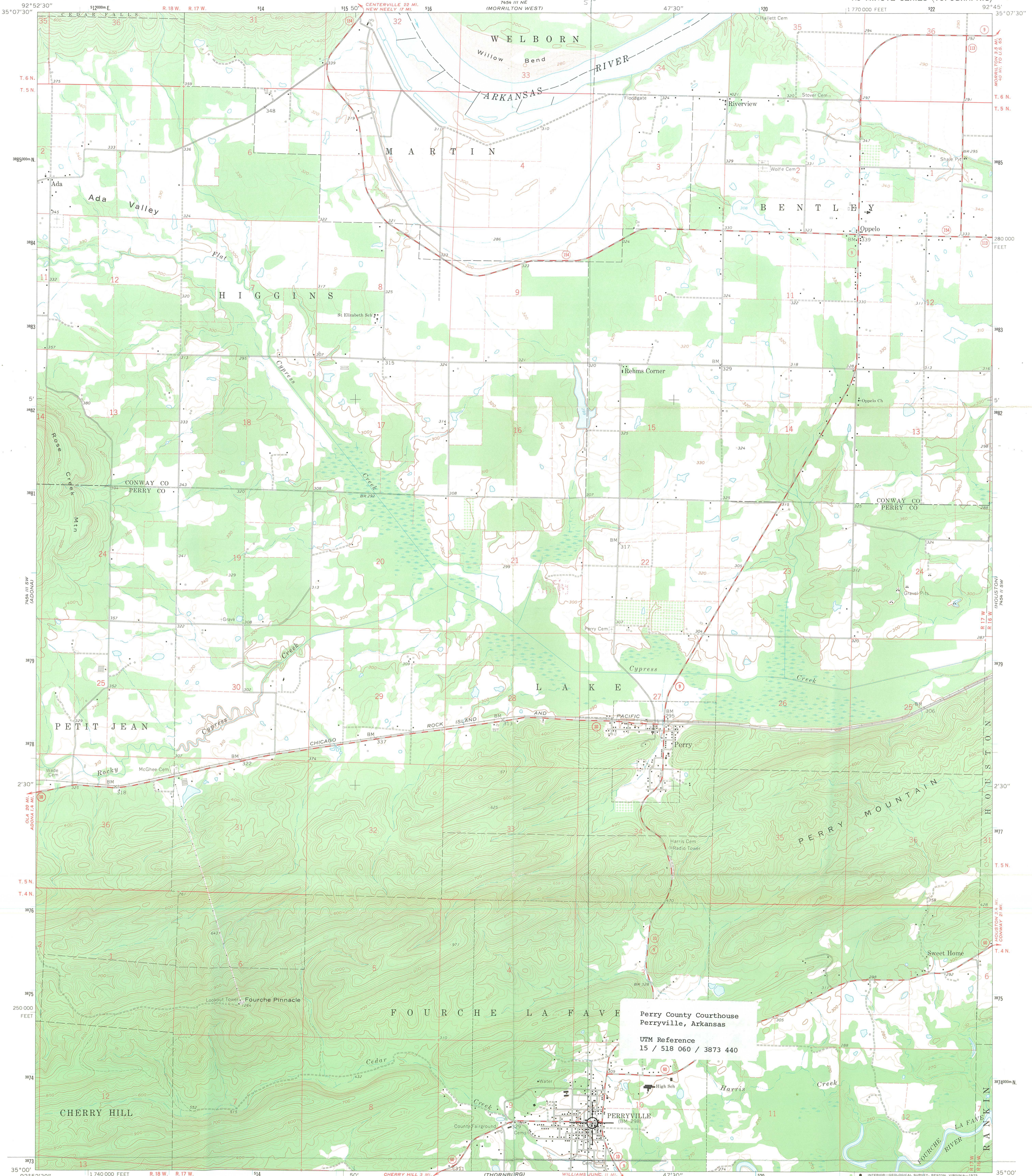
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DATE 1961

4 REQUIREMENTS

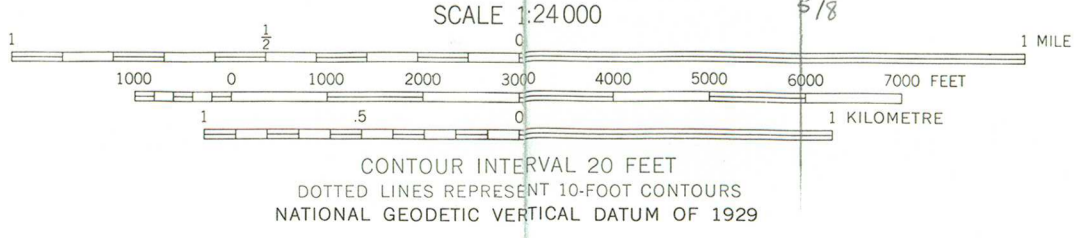
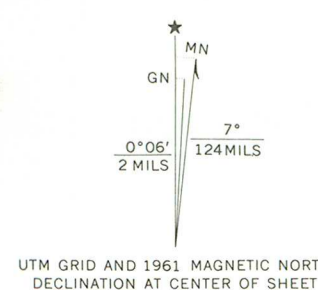
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



Perry County Courthouse
Perryville, Arkansas
UTM Reference
15 / 518 060 / 3873 440

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1958. Field checked 1961
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone
1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Medium-duty — Light-duty
Unimproved dirt —
Slate Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

PERRYVILLE, ARK.
N3500—W9245/7.5
1961
AMS 7454 III SE—SERIES V884

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ARKANSAS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Stobaugh House	Choctaw vicinity Van Buren County
Perry County Courthouse	Perryville Perry County

Also Notified

Hon. John L. McClellan
Hon. Dale Bumpers
Hon. Bill Alexander
Hon. John P. Hammerschmidt
Regional Director, Southwest
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Ms. Anne Bartley
Acting Director
Department of Natural and
Cultural Heritage
The Old State House
300 West Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

PR MMott/row 7/12/76

NR Data Sheet

MTL
1.4
57M

NR DOE
JUL 6 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: 10 PERRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER MAIN AND PINE STS. STS. STREETS

CITY, TOWN PERRYVILLE

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3RD

STATE ARKANSAS 05 VICINITY OF

COUNTY PERRY code 105

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline): FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

<u>INTERIOR</u>	<u>EXTERIOR</u>	<u>ENVIRONS</u>
- Substantially intact-1	<u>X</u> Substantially intact-2	<u>X</u> Substantially intact-3
- unknown - 4	- unknown - 5	- unknown - 6
- not applicable - 7	- not applicable - 8	- Not applicable - 9
<u>NO</u>	- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0	

CONDITION -	<u>EXCELLENT</u>	<u>DETERIORATED</u>	<u>UNALTERED</u>	<u>ORIGINAL SITE</u>
	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>RUINS</u>	<u>ALTERED</u>	<u>MOVED</u>
	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>UNEXPOSED</u>	<u>Reconstructed</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
		<u>Unexcavated</u>	<u>Excavated</u>	

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- GOVERNMENT, COURTHOUSE

now- GOVERNMENT, COURTHOUSE

SIGNIFICANCE:

- | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC</u> | <u>CONSERVATION</u> | <u>LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE</u> | <u>RELIGION</u> | <u>entertainment</u> |
| <u>ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC</u> | <u>ECONOMICS</u> | <u>LAW/Gov't/politics</u> | <u>SCIENCE</u> | <u>health</u> |
| <u>AGRICULTURE</u> | <u>EDUCATION</u> | <u>LITERATURE</u> | | <u>recreation</u> |
| <u>ARCHITECTURE</u> -4 | <u>ENGINEERING</u> | <u>MILITARY</u> | <u>16</u> | <u>settlement</u> |
| <u>ART</u> | <u>EXPLORATION</u> | <u>MUSIC</u> | | <u>socio/cultural</u> |
| <u>COMMERCE</u> | <u>INDUSTRY</u> | <u>PHILOSOPHY</u> | <u>SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN</u> | <u>urban & commun</u> |
| <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> | <u>INVENTION</u> | <u>POLITICS/GOVERNMENT</u> | <u>TRANSPORTATION</u> | <u>planning</u> |
| | | | <u>OTHER (SPECIFY)</u> | |

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: ELEMENTS OF FEDERAL

architect/m.builder: —

engineer: —

landscape/garden designer: —

artist/artisan: —

interior decorator: —

builder/contractor: —

ETHNIC GROUP: —

NAMES: personal —

(label role & appropriate date)

events —

institutional PERRY COUNTY

DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1888

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: —

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): 1

SOURCE: (OF NOMINATION) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV" MUNICIPAL COUNTY

OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre) 1

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here) ^{2-story main block with 1-story wings,} ~~2-STORY BRICK RECTANGULAR,~~ off-center front entrance with transom, ~~END ADDITIONS WITH~~ side lights, and small porch; side additions, have appearance of Federal and ~~FLAT ROOFS.~~ ^{side additions, have appearance of Federal and} ~~NORTH ELEV. IS SYMMETRICAL WITH~~ ^{side additions, have appearance of Federal and} ~~5 BAYS; SOUTH ELEV. HAS ONLY 4 BAYS IN ORIGINAL~~ ^{side additions, have appearance of Federal and} ~~SECTION. WOOD DOUBLE HUNG SASH WINDOWS, 2 OVER 2.~~ ^{side additions, have appearance of Federal and} ~~IN 1962 GREEN SHUTTERS ADDED & RED BRICK~~ ^{side additions, have appearance of Federal and} ~~PAINTED WHITE. (ONE WINDOW PER BAY EXCEPT BAY~~ ^{side additions, have appearance of Federal and} ~~LEFT OF ENTRANCE ON SOUTH ELEV.) ENTRANCE RECESSED~~ ^{side additions, have appearance of Federal and} ~~WITH CLASSICAL ENTABLATURE.~~ ^{side additions, have appearance of Federal and}

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences) ^{Most} THE PERRY COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN ^{county public} PERRYVILLE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PUBLIC HISTORIC ^{repeatedly - made constructed} STRUCTURE ; IN THE COUNTY IT IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN ~~BUILT~~ OF BRICK MADE FROM COUNTY SOIL.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: ELEMENTS OF FEDERAL

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Brick, 2-story main block with 1-story wings, rectangular, hipped roof; off-center front entrance with transom, sidelights, and small porch; side additions. Late appearance of Federal and Greek Revival elements. Most important county public structure, reputedly constructed of brick made from county soil.

PERRYVILLE IS THE MOST MOST IMPORTANT PUBLIC HISTORIC STRUCTURE; IN THE COUNTY IT IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN BUILT OF BRICK MADE FROM COUNTY SOIL.