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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 Livingston County Courthouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Grand River Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN Howell

VICINITY OF  
CODE

6th

STATE Michigan

CODE 26

COUNTY Livingston

CODE 093

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Livingston County (Board of Commissioners)

STREET & NUMBER Grand River Avenue

CITY, TOWN Howell

VICINITY OF

STATE Michigan

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Livingston County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER Grand River Avenue

CITY, TOWN Howell

STATE Michigan

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Michigan History Division Registered Site No.

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Michigan History Division, Michigan Department of State

CITY, TOWN Lansing

STATE Michigan 48918

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE 6/76

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

The Livingston County Courthouse is situated on Courthouse Square in Howell, a city of approximately 6,000. The courthouse tower is visible for several miles in each direction, and is framed by a streetscape of large shade trees and older homes on the west. Modern county structures whose design clashes with that of the courthouse lie to the north and east, but late-nineteenth century commercial structures to the south and west remain in their original juxtaposition to the building.

The courthouse is a two-and-one-half story structure built of brick with an exposed half-basement of rough-cut limestone ashlar. It has a relatively symmetrical plan, with a five-bay exterior on the east and west facades, and seven bays at the north and south. The three central bays on both the north and south facades project slightly. In addition to the basement exterior, limestone ashlar is used on window lintels and hoods, frames the arched entryway, and rings the building at the demarcation point between the first and second stories. The multi-gabled hip roof was originally covered with slate, now largely replaced by asbestos shingles. Small brick vestibule entrances at the basement level represent the only significant exterior alteration. A recent architectural and engineering study of the building disclosed only minor exterior structural problems.

The interior, although altered somewhat, retains many of the original features. The rich oak and maple woodwork is particularly noteworthy in the circuit courtroom, where the judges' desk, elegantly carved railing, and spectator seats with cast iron decoration are extant. The original wainscoting and interior shutters are also present, as are auxiliary furnishings such as bookcases and a carved oak wall clock. Several other rooms are entered via richly carved entryways with floral decorations and gargoyles. Also noteworthy are the huge oaken counter in the county treasurer's office and the ornamented staircase. Walls in many of the public areas are decorated with unusual floral adamants. The feasibility study conducted as part of the courthouse conservation effort noted certain interior alterations such as dropped ceilings and subdivided spaces which are scheduled for treatment in the restoration phase of the project.

# 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
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<input checked="" 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

1889-90

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

A. E. French

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Livingston County Courthouse is architecturally significant as a representative late-nineteenth-century building. It is not as elegant in its design or appointments as many other public facilities of the period, nor is it as function-oriented as structures of the immediately subsequent era. The building has also served as a visual and social anchor in Howell since its construction as well as the county's political center. The recent campaign to save the structure was the first major preservation effort in Livingston County.

The area that is now Livingston County was originally part of the Southeastern Michigan region ceded to the United States by Indian tribal representatives in 1807. Its thick forests and swampy terrain discouraged white settlement until the 1820s, when the first emigrants established themselves. The population grew rather dramatically in the next decade, as migration from New York State to Michigan reached its peak. In 1833 Livingston County was created via an order of the territorial governor, and its government was formally organized three years later.

The village of Howell, originally known as Livingston Centre, was settled in 1834 by former residents of Dutchess County, New York. Since it was both centrally located and the county's most cohesive settlement, the village was chosen as county seat at the time of organization. Many county residents, however, particularly those of nearby Brighton, contested the designation. While attempts to remove the county seat from Howell were defeated, voters also rejected proposals to build county buildings there. The stalemate persisted until 1846, when the State Legislature authorized counties to levy taxes for public buildings without a referendum. In 1847 the first county courthouse was erected in Howell on land donated by Peter Cowdry, a prominent resident of the village. The facility served until 1874 when it was replaced.

The origins of the present building date to the early 1880s, when county officials realized that the existing courthouse, though relatively new, was inadequate to the county's needs. Office space in nearby stores had been rented and prisoners were housed at the county jail in neighboring Shiawassee County. The Board of Commissioners formed a building committee, which considered the deficiencies of the existing building and also visited newer courthouses in other counties. The committee's recommendation for a new facility on courthouse square was approved by voters in April, 1889, and in June of that year Albert E. French, a Detroit architect, was engaged to design it. In August the cornerstone was laid in a ceremony led by former Governor Russell A. Alger. The building was completed for use the next year, and has housed county offices ever since.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Building Committee Report (Board of Commissioners), 1889.  
 Franklin Ellis, History of Livingston County, Michigan (Philadelphia, 1880).  
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 (1975)  
 (continued)

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.4 acre (approx.)

UTM REFERENCES

A	1   7	2   5   9   8   0   0	4   7   2   1   1   4   0	B			
	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	Lawrence Finfer, Historic Preservation Coordinator		
ORGANIZATION	Michigan History Division, Dept. of State	DATE	6/15/76
STREET & NUMBER	3423 N. Logan	TELEPHONE	517-373-0510
CITY OR TOWN	Lansing	STATE	Michigan 48918

# 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 Manda M. Bigelow 6/15/76  
 TITLE Director, Michigan History Division DATE 6/15/76

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
Acting DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE 8/13/76
Acting ATTENDANT, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE 8.13.76
Acting ATTENDANT, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	

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8. Significance (continued)

Although it is still primarily an agricultural county, the demography of Livingston County began to change after World War II. Its relative proximity to Detroit and Ann Arbor has led to an increase in population which has placed an increasing strain upon extant county facilities. The courthouse has been overcrowded for many years, and county officials seriously considered a new building until sympathetic residents, led by County Commissioner Lynne Marie Jamieson, began to campaign for the preservation of the structure. An exhaustive feasibility study concluded that the building could be restored to meet the county's needs at a cost lower than new construction, and county voters approved the issuance of bonds to finance the restoration in a May, 1976 referendum. When the project is complete, the courthouse should continue to serve as a symbol of the county's aspirations. As Commissioner Jamieson put it, "it represents how I feel about Livingston County -- solid and dependable."

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Michigan Courthouse Review, XVII (September, 1967).

Property Livingston County Courthouse

State Michigan

Working Number 6.18.76.3597

76001031

Livingston,

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 2

Maps 1

**CONTROL**

OK pl  
6.23.76

**HISTORIAN**

ACCEPT  
Livingood  
29 Dec 76

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

Accept M.J. Hurry  
6-24-76

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Accept  
Cole  
6-29-76

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

Hurry  
8.13.76

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

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Federal Register Entry 9-7-76

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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Howell

— VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Livingston

STATE

Michigan

**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT

R. E. Miller

DATE OF PHOTO

6-76

NEGATIVE FILED AT

Michigan History Div., Lansing, MI

**4 IDENTIFICATION**

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET  
General view from SE

PHOTO NO. 142



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Closeup--East facade

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**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN  
Howell

\_\_\_\_VICINITY OF

COUNTY  
Livingston

STATE  
Michigan

**3 MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE USGS

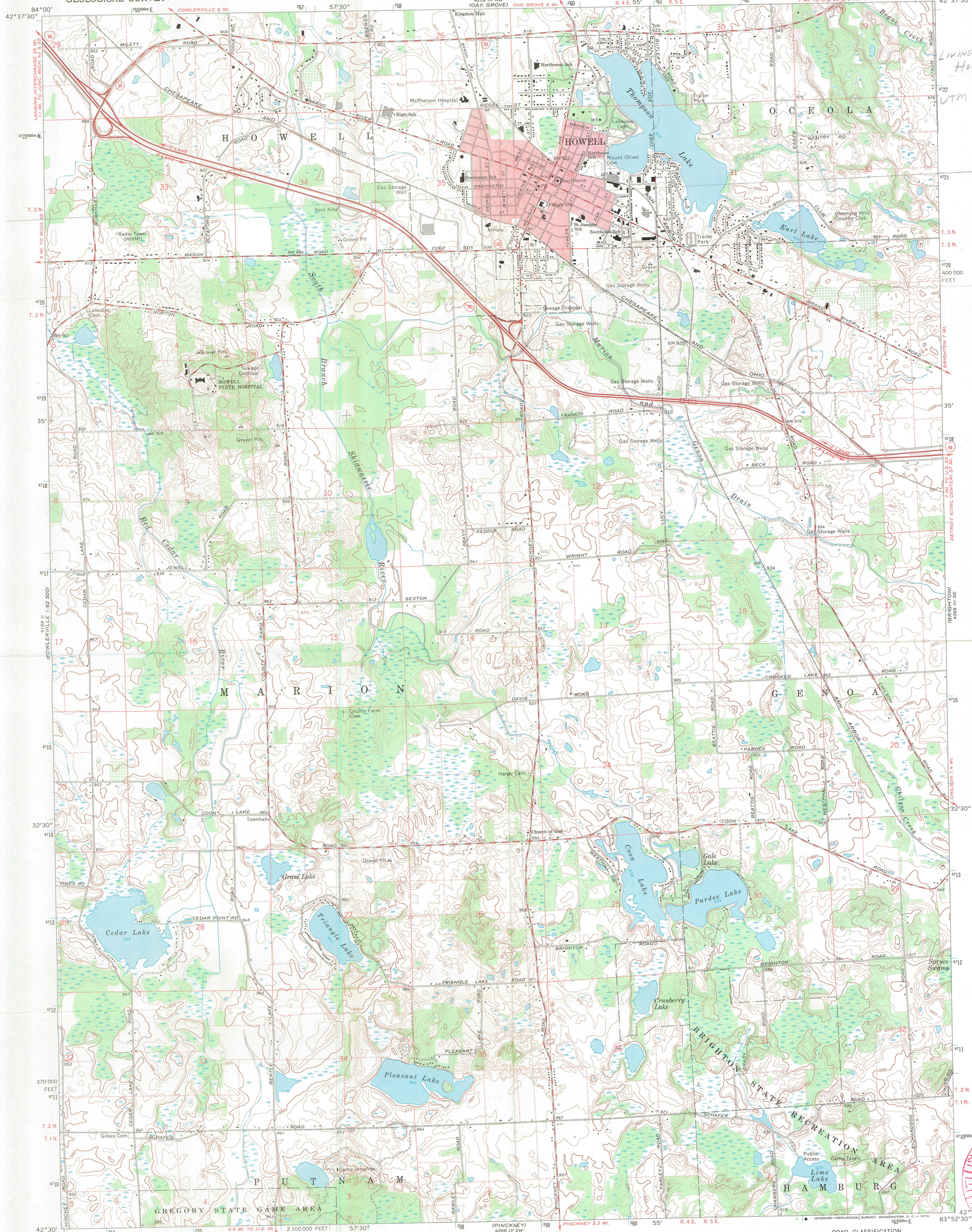
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**4 REQUIREMENTS**

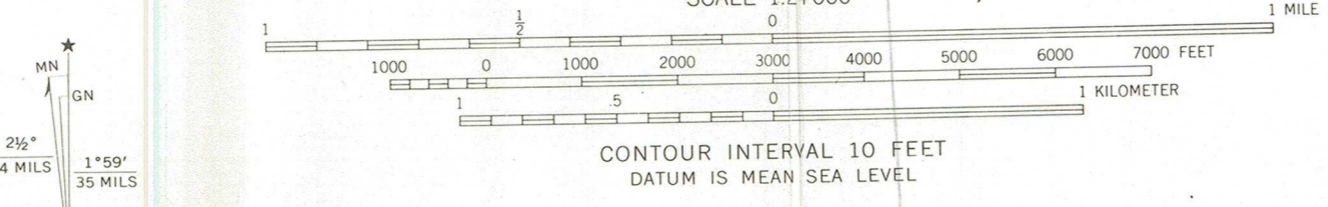
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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



LIVINGSTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
HOWELL, MI  
UTM 17/254800/472140

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey in cooperation with State of Michigan agencies in cooperation with USGS and USC&GS  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1967. Field checked 1968  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum 10,000-foot grid based on Michigan coordinate system, south zone 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



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  
Interstate Route  
State Route

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SW/4 HOWELL 15' QUADRANGLE  
N4230—W8352.5/7.5

1968  
AMS 4269 III SW—SERIES V862

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
RICHARD H. AUSTIN SECRETARY OF STATE



LANSING  
MICHIGAN 48918

June 15, 1976

**MICHIGAN HISTORY DIVISION**  
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**HISTORIC SITES, AND PUBLICATIONS**  
3423 N. Logan Street  
517-373-0510  
**STATE MUSEUM**  
505 N. Washington Avenue  
517-373-0515

Dr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Room 3209  
1100 L Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20005



Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed is a National Register nomination for your consideration: The Livingston County Courthouse, Livingston County, Michigan.

The Livingston County Commissioners have embarked upon an ambitious program to rehabilitate their courthouse and on May 18, 1976 county voters endorsed a bonding issue to finance the \$1.4 million renovation. Because of the significance of the project and because of this recent demonstration of public support, I request that you take the steps necessary to expedite review of this nomination so that it can be included on Michigan's apportionment warrant for Fiscal Year 1977.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha M. Bigelow".

Martha M. Bigelow  
Director, Michigan History Division  
and  
State Historic Preservation Officer

MMB/JK/cw

enc.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MICHIGAN

Date Entered AUG 13 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sixth Street Bridge	Grand Rapids Kent County
Livingston County Courthouse	Howell Livingston County
Marx House	Wyandotte Wayne County

Also Notified

Hon. Philip A. Hart	State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. Robert P. Griffin	Dr. Martha Bigelow
Hon. Richard F. Vander Veen	Director
Hon. M. Robert Carr	Michigan History Division
Hon. John D. Dingell	Department of State
Regional Director, Midwest Region	Lansing, Michigan 48918

PR MMott/row 8/16/76

# NR Data Sheet

DATE: 6-24-76  
Reviewer INITIALS: MJL

NR

DOE AUG 13 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Livingston County Courthouse

OTHER NAMES:

### LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER

Grand River Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Howell

STATE

Michigan

76

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

COUNTY

Livingston

code

093

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:

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- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

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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 - Courthouse

now - Courthouse

### SIGNIFICANCE:

- |  |                                       |   |  |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE         | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment  |
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### Claims

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

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Chateausque and Richardsonian Romanesque elements  
architect/m.builder: <sup>2</sup> Albert E. French  
landscape/garden designer:  
interior decorator:  
engineer:  
artist/artisan:  
builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES: personal  
(label role & appropriate date)  
events

institutional

DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): <sup>N</sup> 1889-~~90~~ 1890  
DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:  
HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE: (OF NOMINATION) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY  
OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre) 1.4

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Brick, limestone basement and trim; 2 1/2 stories, hipped roof sections, square central clock tower <sup>sp</sup> w/ pyramidal roof, slightly projecting front-center <sup>gabled</sup> entrance bay with recessed round-arch entrance, projecting side <sup>red</sup> center 3 bays with centered gabled section, gabled dormers, round-arched windows, ~~connected by limestone~~ <sup>and brick</sup> stringcourse; ~~molded brick~~ <sup>elegant</sup> string course between 1st and 2nd floor; interior oak and ~~maple~~ maple woodwork. Chateausque and Richardsonian Romanesque elements.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

This is an example of ~~late 19th~~ <sup>late 19th</sup> public ~~building~~ <sup>structure</sup> featuring an eclectic combination of then-popular ~~elements~~ <sup>styles</sup>; ~~the structure~~ <sup>and</sup> also served as the county's political center as well as its <sup>visual</sup> <sup>social</sup> focal point.