

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Daviess County Courthouse

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Public Square _____ not for publication

city, town Gallatin _____ vicinity of congressional district #6 - Hon. E. Thomas Coleman

state Missouri code 061 county Daviess code 025

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Daviess County Court

street & number Public Square

city, town Gallatin _____ vicinity of state Missouri 64640

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder of Deeds, Daviess County Courthouse

street & number Public Square

city, town Gallatin _____ state Missouri 64640

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title 1. A Historic Inventory of Daviess Co. has this property been determined eligible? _____ yes no

date Fall, 1979 _____ federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Program, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176

city, town Jefferson City _____ state Missouri 65102

7. 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 third Daviess County Courthouse was constructed in 1907-1908 by M.T. Lewman of Louisville, Kentucky. P.H. Weathers was the architect.¹

The Courthouse is a Second Renaissance Revival Design. The plan of the building is irregular on the exterior with a cross design on the interior. The interior cross is eighty-five (85) feet from exterior doorway to exterior doorway. There are four exterior doors, one on each facade of the building. Cross stairways at the north and south entrances lead to the second floor and a double wide staircase at the east entrance leads to the second and third floors.

There is not a full basement under the structure, but a quarter basement at the northwest corner contains the heating plant.

All facades are symmetrical and are organized around the protruding bay containing the entrance. There is a large smooth broken segmental pediment above each entrance. There are dentils worked into the cornice and the returns of the pediment. The center is dominated by an urn statue. Above this arch at the second and third floor levels the windows are recessed as are two Greek Ionic columns with smooth shafts. This entire design is topped by a pediment with returns. This design is repeated at all four entrance facades.

The exterior walls are of smooth stone with the exception of a string course at the second floor which is designed of rough stone. At the south entrance door there is a U.S.G.S. survey marker which was installed in 1920 that proclaims the spot to be 931 feet above sea level.

The entire structure is topped with a low cross-gable roof with a wooden clock tower in the center. There is a clock in each facade. There are double Doric columns at each corner of the tower supporting a deep fascia board and cornice overhang. Each clock is surrounded by an ornamentation with a shell design at the top. There are open louvered shutters in the sides which allow the clock bell to be heard throughout the city. The windows on all four facades of the tower are divided into small triangular shaped areas by muntins. The tower is finished in a bell shape with a rounded finial top.

The interior of the building is finished in oak woodwork with marble wainscoting and terrazzo floors. The stairways have turned wood balustrades. The transoms above the doors are elliptical.

The only alterations on the building have been the installation of the four new entrance doors on the facades of the first floor.² This was done in the early 1970's.

FOOTNOTES

1. Daviess County Centennial Edition. Gallatin Publishing Co.: Lew Harrison Carlison Publisher, 1937.

2. Interview with the County Court, Daviess County, Missouri, May 20, 1980.

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DAVIESS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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3. Interview with Mrs. Earl Binney, Gallatin, MO October 16, 1979.

4. Williams, Walter, A History of Northwest Missouri. (New York: The Lewis Publishing Co.), 1915.

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2. James M. Denny, Section Chief, Nominations-Survey
and State Contact Person

Department of Natural Resources

Historic Preservation Program

P.O. Box 176

Jefferson City

July 3, 1980

314/751-4096

Missouri 65102

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1906/1908 **Builder/Architect** P.H. Weathers/Architect; M.T. Lewman/Builder

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Daviess County Courthouse is significant as a fine example of a Second Renaissance Revival style public building in Northwest Missouri, and as the seat of government for Daviess County for over 70 years.

The first County Court of Daviess County met at the residence of Elisha B. Creekmore in 1838. By 1843, a \$6,000 Court House was completed. It was probably 40' x 40' but no record exists of its exact dimensions.¹

A single story, two-room structure was built about 1858, just east of the present day Court House. There were no vaults and the records were kept in desks. This structure was a source of public complaint but bonds to build a new structure were not passed until 1905.²

In April, 1906, the architect P.H. Weathers submitted the winning design for a new Court House. M.T. Lewman of Louisville, Kentucky won the construction contract while J.W. Alexander served as construction superintendent and M.E. Pangburn was the accountant on the project. The cost of the structure was \$75,000.

The foundation of the building was poured in April, 1907. The cornerstone was laid on May 24, 1907, and formal acceptance of the building by the County Court was May 31, 1908. The Masonic Lodge of Gallatin conducted a formal dedication of the structure on October 5, 1908.³

The Building Committee was composed of A.M. Dockery, Boyd Dudley, J.W. Meade, C.M. Harrison and D.L. Robertson. The County Court that let the contract was composed of R. McGabey, William J. Gromer and Donald Blackburn while the County Court that accepted the structure was composed of G.A. McWilliams, William J. Gomer and J.P. Tarwater.

The Daviess County Courthouse, which has served the people of Daviess County for over 70 years, typifies a classically-inspired monumental courthouse architecture in northwest Missouri.

FOOTNOTES

1. Interview with Mrs. Earl Binney, Gallatin, MO October 16, 1979.
2. Walter Williams, A History of Northwest Missouri. (New York: The Lewis Publishing Co.), 1915.
3. Daviess County Centennial Edition, Gallatin Publishing Co., Lew Harrison Carlison Publisher, 1937.

9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Daviess County Centennial Edition. Gallatin Publishing Co.: Lew Harrison Carlison Publisher, 1937.
2. Interview with County Court, Daviess County, Missouri, May 20, 1980.

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name "Gallatin, Mo."

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 1:62,500

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property occupies the public square and is roughly two hundred and fifty (250) feet by two hundred and fifty (250) feet square in size. This tract of land is located in the Quarter of Section twenty (20); Township fifty-nine (59) North and Range twenty-seven (27) West.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title 1. Thomas W. Carneal, Associate Professor of History

organization Northwest Missouri State University date May 30, 1980

street & number 306 Colden Hall telephone 816/582-7141 (ext. 1289)

city or town Maryville state Missouri 64468

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Fred A. Sofer

Director, Department of Natural Resources and
title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 25 Aug 80

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

Kevin M. Bunge
Keeper of the National Register

date 11/14/80

Attest: *Shula Stover Reed*
for Chief of Registration

date 11/14/80

Property *Davies County Courthouse* 80000350
State *Mo, Davies* Working Number *9.16.80 2346* DUE
11.16.80

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 10
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HISTORIAN

Significant as an example of Renaissance Revival Architecture. 1906-8; also for its role as seat of county govt. Very few alterations. **ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

*Accept. P. Reed
11/14/80*

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OTHER

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Review _____

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National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered NOV 14 1980
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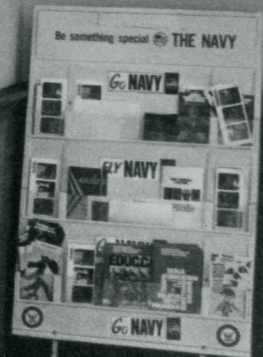
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H.A. BUEHLER, DIRECTOR AND STATE GEOLOGIST

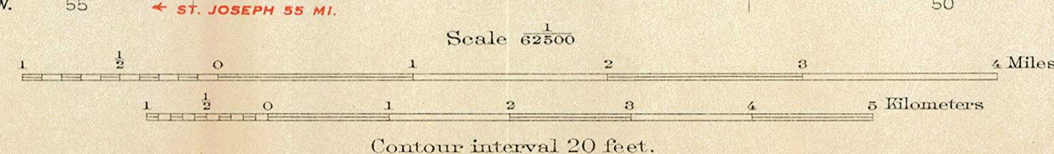
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GALLATIN QUADRANGLE



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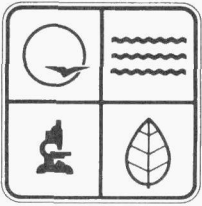
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W. H. Herron, Topographic Engineer in charge.
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Control by E. L. McNair, S. R. Archer, J. M. Rawls,
and S. L. Parker.
Surveyed in 1920.

F. L. Whaley
J. M. Rawls



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SECONDARY ROUTES
GALLATIN, MO.
Edition of 1922.



September 2, 1980

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

P.O. Box 176 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 (314) 751-2479

Ms. Carol Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register
Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service
440 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull:

Please find enclosed five completed National Register Inventory-Nomination Forms for:

Daviess County Courthouse	Old Stagecoach Stop
Old City Hall	Commercial Street Historic District
Thomas Hart Benton Home and Studio	

and related data approved by Missouri's review board, the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Officer and the Secretary of Interior's most recent owner notification procedures have been observed. These sites are thereby formally nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

Should you or your staff have questions about these nominations, please contact Mr. James M. Denny, Chief, Survey and Registration Section, at this address.

Sincerely,

DIVISION OF PARKS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

B. H. Rucker
Assistant Director

BHR:jkt

cc: Milton Perry

Enclosure: as stated



Joseph P. Teasdale Governor
Fred A. Lafser Director

Division of Parks and Historic Preservation
John Karel Director

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MISSOURI

Date Entered NOV 14 1980

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Kansas City Masonic Temple	Kansas City Jackson County
Long, R. A., House (Coninthian Hall)	Kansas City Jackson County
Daviess County Courthouse	Gallatin Daviess County
New Hope Primitive Baptist Church	Richmond vicinity Ray County
Bentley House	Springfield Greene County
Anderson, Elijah Teague, House	Republic Greene County
Stone County Courthouse	Calena Stone County

Also Notified

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.