

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: West Virginia	
COUNTY: Tyler	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	City Building
AND OR HISTORIC:	Sistersville City Hall

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: City Square, Main and Diamond Streets			
CITY OR TOWN: Sistersville			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
West Virginia	26175	Tyler	095

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Town of Sistersville			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
Sistersville	West Virginia	26175	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Tyler County Court House			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
Middlebourne	West Virginia	26149	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: An Historic Preservation-Economic Development Study for Sistersville, West Virginia.			
DATE OF SURVEY: January 1971 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Sistersville Planning Commission			
STREET AND NUMBER: Sistersville City Hall			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
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7. DESCRIPTION		
CONDITION	(Check One)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed	
	(Check One)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE		
<p>The City Building is a two story red brick and stone building (as specified in the deed, Tyler County D.B. 28, p. 574-575) on a circular plot, consisting of a square each of whose sides has, centrally located, a three-sided bay window. This arrangement displays an elaborate geometry - a complex, of symmetrical polygonal figure-within a circle. All elements are symmetrically arranged - doors, windows (those having Classical stone podiums.) A stone belt course divides the first and second stories. There is a subdued Classical cornice above which is a low pitched slate roof, over which, at one time, a small open cupola presided. The small yard is surrounded by an iron fence popular in that period.</p> <p>The interior first floor has been used, and is presently used, for the city offices, and for several years (1913 to 1964) housed the Public Library. The second story consists of one large room with a small stage and was used for conventions and social occasions. It is presently used for storage by the City.</p>		

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8. SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1897			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	Government
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>This building was advertized as one of the first public buildings in the State when it was built. It is another evidence of the town's prosperity during the 'Oil Boom' (1892-1910) which hit the area, especially since no city building had been erected until that time. (The town was laid out in 1816, and chartered in 1839..) It was erected on the plot originally intended for the county court house, Sistersville hoping to become the county seat. The location is the center of the Diamond or village square and is surrounded by a roadway. Here where two main streets intersect in a square, the emphasis is on the City Hall.</p>			

<b>9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES</b>						
THE DAILY OIL REVIEW, Dec. 31, 1900. "History of Sistersville." DAILY OIL REVIEW, INDUSTRIAL EDITION, February 1896. TYLER STAR NEWS, April 17, 1968. "A History of the Sistersville Public Library" by Mrs. Paul J. Neuenschwander. TYLER COUNTY JOURNAL, Jan. 22, 1903. "The Virginia Club."						
<b>10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA</b>						
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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0   '   "	0   '   "		39°   33'   53"	80°   59'   48"	
NE	0   '   "	0   '   "				
SE	0   '   "	0   '   "				
SW	0   '   "	0   '   "				
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: <span style="float: right;">.5</span>						
LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES						
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE			
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<b>11. FORM PREPARED BY</b>						
NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. Laura A. Bryant, Field Research Agent, for						
ORGANIZATION West Virginia Antiquities Commission			DATE August 31, 1971			
STREET AND NUMBER: Old Mountainlair, West Virginia University						
CITY OR TOWN: Morgantown			STATE West Virginia 26506		CODE 54	
<b>12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION</b>			<b>NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION</b>			
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 <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>  Name _____  Title <u>State Liaison Officer</u>  Date _____			I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.  _____ <i>Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</i>  Date _____  ATTEST:  _____ <i>Keeper of The National Register</i>  Date _____			

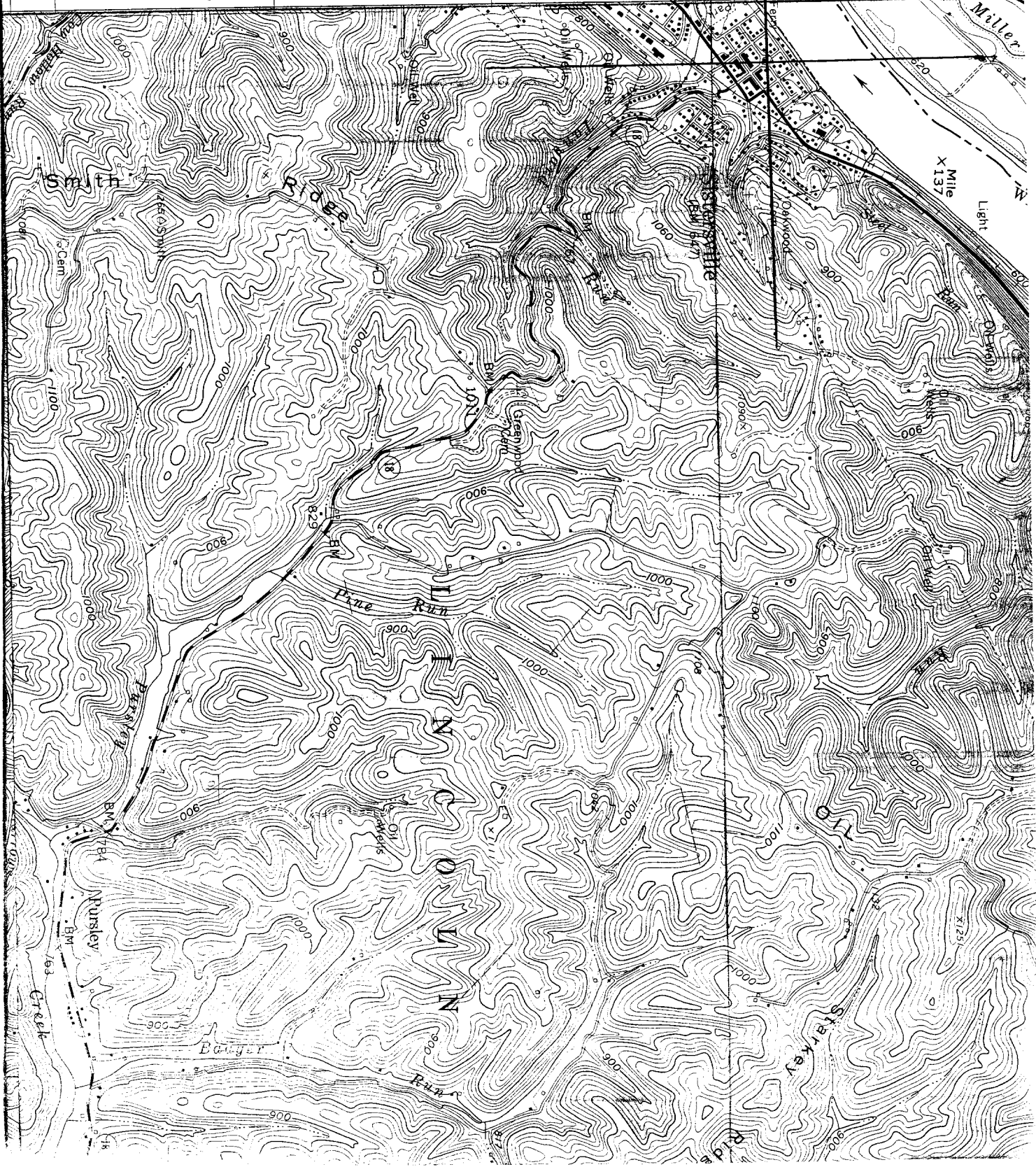
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TYLER COUNTY  
WEST VIRGINIA  
UTM REFERENCE S  
17/500280/4379240

Lat. 39° 33' 53" N  
Long. 80° 59' 48" W

ST. MARYS 16 MI.  
FRIENDLY 4.6 MI. (NEW MATAMORAS)

3230'





ERECTED CITY HALL AD. 1887

SISTERSVILLE  
CITY POLICE  
DEPARTMENT

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MAYORS  
OFFICE

ONE WAY  
DO NOT  
ENTER

RIGHT  
TURN  
SIGNAL  
99

ONE WAY  
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