United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property
   Historic name: Marshall University Memorial Fountain
   Other names/site number: Bertoia Marshall University Memorial Sculpture
   Name of related multiple property listing:

   (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location
   Street & number: 1 John Marshall Drive
   City or town: Huntington  State: WV  County: Cabell
   Not For Publication:  Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification
   As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,
   I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets
   the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic
   Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
   In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I
   recommend that this property be considered significant at the following
   level(s) of significance:
   ___national ___statewide X local
   Applicable National Register Criteria:
   ___A ___B X C ___D

   Signature of certifying official/Title: Date
   Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
   West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office, Department of Arts, Culture and History

   State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government
   In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.

   Signature of commenting official: Date
   Title: State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government
4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

___ entered in the National Register
___ determined eligible for the National Register
___ determined not eligible for the National Register
___ removed from the National Register
___ other (explain:) ______________________

________________________________________
Signature of the Keeper                        Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)
Private: [ ]
Public – Local [X]
Public – State [ ]
Public – Federal [ ]

Category of Property

(Check only one box.)
Building(s) [ ]
District [ ]
Site [ ]
Structure [ ]
Object [X]
Marshall University Memorial Fountain

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)
RECREATION AND CULTURE/monument/marker
RECREATION AND CULTURE/work of art

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)
RECREATION AND CULTURE/monument/marker
RECREATION AND CULTURE/work of art
7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions.)
N/A

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)
Principal exterior materials of the property: Other: bronze, copper; Foundation: concrete, granite

Narrative Description
(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a summary paragraph that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph
The Marshall University Memorial Fountain is a water fountain sculpture and reflecting pool located on the campus of Marshall University, between 3rd and 5th Avenues in Huntington, West Virginia. The fountain’s location, in a plaza on the north side of the Memorial Student Center, forms the heart of the university’s campus. Created by artist Harry Bertoia, the memorial consists of a green sculpture made with bronze and copper materials bent and welded together. Its abstract design forms an organic shape meant to symbolize life, growth, and renewal. A fountain jet propels water from the sculpture’s center. The sculpture rests within a square reflecting pool, where water from the fountain is collected and recycled. The only major alterations to the fountain have been the installation of a catch tray and black granite tiles on the reflecting pool. The sculpture itself is virtually unchanged and retains excellent integrity.
Narrative Description

The Marshall University Memorial Fountain is located in the center of a brick-paved plaza on the north side of the school’s Memorial Student Center building. The plaza is adorned with small trees, concrete-lined flower beds, lampposts, and tables. The plaza and student center themselves are located in the south central part of the Marshall University campus. They are surrounded by greenspaces, trees, sidewalks, and various early-to-late-twentieth century collegiate buildings.

The primary component of the fountain is a 6,500-pound sculpture made of copper tubing welded together with a green, bronze surface. It measures 12’11” tall with a width of 8’ and a depth of 7’6”. At its center is a fountain jet that propels water vertically several feet in the air. The sculpture consists of a series of tubular, green rods shaped to form an abstract, fluid or plant-like design. The rods begin as a circular pedestal and rise upward. When they reach the center, where the fountain jet begins, the rods curve and fall outward, before curving again and rising to the top. The rods terminate at various heights, with flared, trumpet-like caps on their tops. The sculpture is open on two parallel sides, exposing the water stream.

The sculpture rests upon a concrete base surrounded by a square catch tray, where water from the jet is collected. The sculpture and tray are located in the center of a 26’8” by 26’8” square reflecting pool. The pool is concrete and layered with square, dark granite tiles. Four submerged lights, one at each corner of the pool, provide illumination at night. At the west side of the reflecting pool is a slanted granite pedestal with a bronze memorial plaque. The plaque lists the names of all 75 people killed in the 1970 Marshall University Plane Crash, along with the phrase “They shall live on in the hearts of their families and friends forever, and this memorial records their loss to the university and to the community.”

The Memorial Fountain retains a high degree of historic integrity. The only major alterations have been the addition of a granite tile surface to the reflecting pool and the installation of a water catch tray around the sculpture’s base, both of which occurred in 2008. The sculpture itself is unaltered. It has never been relocated, and the campus – with its mixture of concrete, brick, and green spaces – conveys the same atmosphere it did back in 1972. The Memorial Fountain therefore maintains its integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.
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County and State

Figure 1: Memorial Fountain in 2015, courtesy of Library of Congress, Carol M. Highsmith Archive
8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria
(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations
(Mark “x” in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years
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Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions.)
Art


Period of Significance
1972


Significant Dates


Significant Person
(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)


Cultural Affiliation


Architect/Builder
Harry Bertoia
Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Marshall University Memorial Fountain is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C: Art as a prominent and unique public sculpture created by internationally recognized, mid-twentieth century artist Harry Bertoia. Marshall University commissioned the fountain to honor the 75 victims of the 1970 Marshall Plane Crash, which devastated the Huntington, West Virginia community and nearly wiped out the school’s entire football program. Since its installation, the fountain has become an integral part of Marshall University’s culture and is the focus of annual memorial ceremonies. The Memorial Fountain satisfies Criteria Consideration F: Commemorative Properties because it possesses historical significance derived from its artistic design. The Period of Significance is 1972, the year the memorial was created and dedicated.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

Background History

Residents of Cabell County, Virginia established Marshall Academy, named after Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall, in 1837. Classes were first held in a small log building on a hill surrounded by farms. The school struggled for years until 1858, when the State of Virginia amended their charter and promoted the school to college status. Marshall closed during the Civil War amid local turbulence. It was reopened in 1867 by the new State of West Virginia as a state normal school, which focused on training teachers. Growth accelerated following the incorporation of the City of Huntington in 1871, with Marshall falling inside its borders. The school gradually expanded over the decades, developing a substantial campus, and constructing Old Main, the central administrative building, in phases over time. In 1961, Marshall obtained university status.1

In 1969, Marshall began construction of a new, $4 million student center on campus to replace the smaller, aging Shawkey Student Union building. The modern glass and brick structure was designed by the Huntington-based architectural firm of Dean & Dean. It was located at a central part of campus, along the north side of 5th Avenue. The north side of the student center included an expansive brick and concrete plaza, containing tables, ornamental trees, bushes, and flower

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The student center opened in August 1971.

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**Figure 2**: Dean & Dean Conceptual Art for Marshall Memorial Student Center, 1969, courtesy Marshall University Special Collections, Parthenon Photo Morgue, "STP.19860502.01.28.06"

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Marshall University Plane Crash

On November 14, 1970, the Marshall University football team played a game against Eastern Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. That evening, the team and some boosters chartered Southern Airways Flight 932 to fly back to Huntington. At approximately 7:36 pm, their Douglas DC-9 aircraft crashed into a hillside during the approach to Huntington Tri-State Airport. All 75 passengers and crew died. Among the victims were nearly the entire Marshall University football team, much of their staff, and many prominent members of the Huntington community, including businessmen, physicians, and civic leaders. It remains the worst sports-related air disaster in U.S. history.

The plane crash plunged Huntington and Marshall University into a period of shock and mourning. The following days were occupied by numerous funerals and memorial services. The school administration very nearly dissolved its football program, but supporters convinced Acting President Donald Dedmon to keep it. The program received a major boost when the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) granted special permission for Marshall to place freshmen on their varsity team for the 1971 season. The hastily assembled new team,

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nicknamed the Young Thundering Herd, played a 2-8 season that year. The football program gradually recovered from that point. The Marshall University Plane Crash and the football team’s subsequent resurrection have since become an integral part of Marshall University’s culture and collective memory.4

**Development of the Memorial Fountain**

In the immediate aftermath of the disaster, Marshall established an “Air Tragedy Memorial Committee” to identify ways to commemorate the victims. This body included representatives from the university administration, faculty, and the alumni association. By May 1971, the committee had recommended four memorial proposals which were ultimately accepted. One was to erect a memorial cenotaph at Huntington’s Spring Hill Cemetery, where six unidentified football players were buried together. Another was to place a bronze plaque inside the locker room of Fairfield Stadium, where the University held its football games. The new student center on campus, per the endorsement of a student referendum held by the Student Government Association, would be christened the Memorial Student Center. Finally, a memorial sculpture would be built on the new student center’s outdoor plaza.5

By early 1971, the Memorial Committee had decided that the student center plaza sculpture would be the primary monument to the plane crash victims because such a memorial “should be on Marshall’s campus and in a prominent place where there is a lot of traffic.”6 After consultations with the center’s architect, Keith Dean of Dean & Dean, it was decided to incorporate a sculpture into the proposed fountain in the middle of the plaza. When the Memorial Student Center was completed in August 1971, a space was left in the middle of the plaza for the future memorial fountain. Keith Dean, with the support of Huntington Museum of Art Director Roberta Emerson, suggested that artist Harry Bertoia be commissioned for the job.7 By January 1972, the Memorial Committee had retained him to submit a design.8 The committee also considered sculptor Bernhard Zuckermann.

The two artists represented two vastly different visions for Marshall’s memorial. Zuckermann had a more traditional, representational style. He specialized in creating classical depictions of people and animals using marble. Zuckermann’s portfolio included a marble panel depicting the

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Last Supper for Lenawee Hills Memorial Park in Adrian, Michigan; a replica of the “Boy with Thorn” statue for the Raphael Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri; the Kennedy Memorial Fountain for the University of Southern Florida; and eight bronze statues for the Alabama War Memorial. Bertoia, by contrast, was an abstract artist. He used welded and shaped metal to create unique designs with organic, lively forms that were more open to interpretation. His portfolio included a metal screen panel for the General Motors Technical Center in Warren, Michigan; two tree-like sculptures for the Southdale Shopping Center in Edina, Minnesota; a bronze bush for Reading, Pennsylvania; and seven gold-plated dandelions for the Eastman Kodak Pavilion at the 1964 World’s Fair.

The Memorial Committee sought to create a monument that was “something of artistic value representing the school’s sense of loss that will be meaningful in the future.” One early proposal that gained some traction was for the sculpture to depict a buffalo, the mascot of Marshall’s “Thundering Herd” football team. Huntington-based interior designer John E. Jenkins offered one design that depicted several buffalo standing on a cloud, for example. Other people, including Bertoia himself, preferred a sculpture that was less representational and more abstract – something that could appeal not just to the current generation, but to future generations, and that could evoke a variety of interpretations among people. A traditional statue, Bertoia believed, would also clash with the modern design of the new student center. “I think the Campus Student Center is very handsome and I would not like to see a buffalo detract from it,” he wrote to Keith Dean.

Ultimately, the Memorial Committee voted 5-4 in favor of commissioning Bertoia to produce the sculpture. The four opposing committee members voted for Zuckermann. “The majority has overlooked the fact that this is a memorial to those persons who were student athletes and fans and were not student artists,” they wrote in a letter of dissent. Despite some opposition, the project moved forward smoothly. In May 1972, Marshall announced its selection of Bertoia. The Marshall Foundation, the school’s fundraising organization, paid Bertoia his modest asking price of $25,000 to create the memorial.


11 Humrichouser, “Memorial plans still incomplete.”


13 Letter from Harry Bertoia to E. Keith Dean, September 10, 1972, Marshall University Archives, Accession Number 20140807.3, Marshall University Special Collections, Huntington, WV.

14 Letter to Dr. John Barker from James O. Porter, William A. Thompson, James E. Phipps, and Nathaniel Ruffin, May 23, 1972, Marshall University Archives, Accession Number 19840227, Marshall University Special Collections, Huntington, WV.
From his studio in Barto, Pennsylvania, Bertoia spent the next several months building his sculpture using bent and welded copper tubes with a bronze coating. He crafted a unique, curvy, organic shape, which he said “resembles a chalice, a form that encloses a precious fluid. Perhaps the fluid of life.” Its tubes reached up to the sky, with a waterspout placed in the center. Bertoia explained that the sculpture was meant to evoke “the living, rather than commemorating Death itself in the waters of life, rising, renewing, reaching to express upward growth, immortality and eternity.” Dr. Eugene Hoak, co-chairman of the Memorial Committee, commented that “The essence of it is the eternal renewal of the human spirit.” In mid-October 1972, Bertoia completed work on the sculpture and shipped it to Marshall.

Figure 3: Bertoia Sketches of Fountain, courtesy Marshall University Special Collections

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16 Dedication Program, November 12, 1972, Marshall University Archives, Accession Number 20140807.3, Marshall University Special Collections, Huntington, WV.
The fountain was dedicated in a “brief and impressive” ceremony on a Sunday afternoon, November 12, 1972, with over 500 people in attendance. Assistant coaches Red Dawson and Mickey Jackson; Assistant Athletic Director Ed Starling; and graduate assistant Nate Ruffin, on behalf of the 1970 team, removed the covering to unveil the fountain. Remarks were delivered by Marshall President Dr. John G. Barker; Lawrence Tippett of the Marshall University Foundation; and Rev. Fred Warren, President of the Huntington Ministerial Association. In his remarks, Tippett proclaimed that the memorial was “a fitting testimony to skill and creativity.”

Harry Bertoia attended the ceremony as well. When asked by a reporter how he thought students would respond to the sculpture, he answered, “Students are like other individuals. If they like the sound of the moving water and understand the impression of life constantly continuing, then that is good.”

In August 1973, a pedestal and bronze plaque were installed in the reflecting pool by the F. C. McColm Granite Company and Neighborgall Construction Company, replacing a temporary marker that had been set for the fountain’s dedication the previous year.

Figure 4: Memorial Fountain Dedication Ceremony Nov. 12, 1972, courtesy Marshall University Special Collections

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20 Lawrence Tippett, “Memorial Sculpture Dedication,” Marshall University Archives, Marshall University Special Collections, Huntington, WV.
Impact of the Memorial Fountain

The fountain quickly proved popular with the student body, and it soon became an iconic landmark on campus, rivaled only by Old Main. In its early years, students often used the fountain as a wading pool, and some baptisms were even conducted in it.23 In 1977, the Marshall University Art Gallery wrote of the impact that the sculpture was already having on campus:

“The fountain is becoming a symbol of the university itself, and, by extension, of the city of Huntington. It enlivens the space on campus, mediating . . . between the harsh geometry of most buildings and the organic geometry of nature.”24

The fountain dedication inaugurated a new annual tradition at Marshall University. Since that time, every year the school has held a “Fountain Ceremony” on November 14th, the day of the Marshall Plane Crash. Students, athletes, faculty, community leaders, and families of the crash victims gather at the fountain for a memorial service. Remarks are delivered by university leaders and a special keynote speaker. The names of all 75 victims are read out, and a white rose for each is laid at the edge of the reflecting pool. The school chorus performs a song, and the fountain is shut off. The fountain is turned back on in the spring with another ceremony.

In 2006, the fountain was filmed for the opening and closing scenes of the Warner Bros. movie We Are Marshall, which dramatized the plane crash and the rebirth of the football team.25 That same year, the fountain was inspected and appraised at $2.5 million.26

The fountain underwent $200,000 worth of refurbishments in 2008 to address deterioration, especially around the sculpture’s concrete base. The base was repaired, and a water catch tray installed around it; the water pump system was upgraded, and aging pipes and electrical wiring replaced. The fountain itself was cleaned to remove some brown stains. Most noticeably, the reflecting pool was given a new mahogany granite tile surface by the McColm-Sears Monument Company. School officials stated that the granite tiles were meant to emphasize the fountain’s role as a memorial. It was rededicated in a ceremony on April 9, 2008.27

26 E. Keith Dean, Memorial Fountain Portfolio, Marshall University Archives, Accession Number 20140807.3, Marshall University Special Collections, Huntington, WV.
Figure 5: Flowers covering the Memorial Fountain following the Nov. 14, 2022, Fountain Ceremony, courtesy Susan M. Pierce of WV SHPO
Harry Bertoia

Harry Bertoia (1915-1978) was a mid-century abstract artist who specialized in using metal for his creations. Bertoia’s works spanned a litany of items including jewelry, furniture, sculptures, and prints. His art was known for having interactive, organic qualities to them. “[W]hen you look at Bertoia’s work there is a lot of life, movement and joy,” said his daughter Celia Bertoia.28

Bertoia was born in 1915 in San Lorenzo, Italy and immigrated to the United States in 1930. His education included stints at the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts, the Cranbrook Academy of Art, and welding training at Santa Monica College. While he studied different types of art, such as painting and printmaking, Bertoia developed a talent for metalworking. During the 1940s he created metal jewelry and a successful series of monotypes. He designed furniture for Knoll, Inc. in the early 1950s. His most popular piece of furniture through Knoll was the Bertoia chair. Introduced in 1952, it was a distinct, diamond-shaped, metal wire grid seat. Sales of the chair allowed Bertoia to work on his art full time.

Bertoia began experimenting with tonal sculptures – sculptures that made sound – in the 1960s. Many of these consisted of vertical metal rods grouped together and would produce different chimes when touched. Others were gongs and singing bars. Bertoia used these sculptures to create his own music, which he termed “Sonambient.” In the 1970s, he recorded 11 albums of original compositions using his tonal sculptures.

Beginning in 1953 and continuing until his death, Bertoia was commissioned to build a series of public sculptures, both indoor and outdoor. His main clients were banks, shopping centers, company headquarters, and government buildings. Of the more than 50 public sculptures he produced, most were metal screens, panels, hanging objects, gongs, and depictions of dandelions and sunbursts.

From the late 1960s to the early 1970s, he worked with copper tubing and bronze in his sculptures. Bertoia created five public fountains – for the Philadelphia Civic Center (1967); One M&T Plaza in Buffalo, New York (1968); Lake Clifton Senior High School in Baltimore, Maryland (1971); Marshall University (1972); and the National Bank of Boyertown in Pennsylvania (1974). A sixth tubular sculpture, though not functioning as a fountain, was produced for the A. Price Woodard, Jr. Park in Wichita, Kansas in 1974.29

Bertoia’s five fountains are similar in that each is composed entirely of welded copper tubes sealed in bronze, and each depicts an organic, plant-like form. The One M&T Plaza and Philadelphia Civic Center fountains also share the Marshall Memorial Fountain’s green patina. The Marshall fountain is unique in that its tubes stretch upwards towards the sky, whereas the other fountains expand outward and are lower to the ground. The flared caps on the top of the Marshall fountain’s tubes are also unique to it, not being present on the other fountains.

Harry Bertoia passed away in 1978. His many accolades included medals from the Architectural League of New York and the American Institute of Architects. His artworks are in the permanent collections of the Museum of Modern Art and the Smithsonian American Art Museum, among others. Many of his public sculptures also remain on display.30

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Criterion C: Art

The Marshall University Memorial Fountain is significant under Criterion C: Art as a prominent work of public art created by famed abstract artist Harry Bertoia. It is Bertoia’s only public, outdoor sculpture in West Virginia and one of the few he created that functions as a fountain. The fountain is an outstanding example of Bertoia’s trademark artistic style. While his works spanned various mediums, Bertoia’s metal sculptures in particular are noted by the art community for their attributes, such as form and sound, that reflect life. “Through his manipulation of industrial materials . . . Bertoia has achieved an organic, living quality,” wrote art history scholar Judy Van Wagner.31

The Marshall Memorial Fountain exemplifies Bertoia’s efforts to convey life in his artwork. The sculpture’s unique tubular and curvy design; its focus upward; and the flowing waters give it a natural, uplifting feel. It was especially poignant given the commemorative nature of this sculpture. “Bertoia emphasized life with the fountain, not death, for our memory of the deceased is in life, not in death,” said art professor Beverly Twitchell in 1983.32

The abstract design of the Memorial Fountain has been credited as one reason why, despite being over fifty years old, it still remains relevant and popular among the Marshall University community. “Time has proven that it is a successful memorial. The quality of the sculpture, the fact that it is not representational – you bring your own meaning,” said Huntington Museum of Art Curator Chris Hatten in 2020.33

Criteria Consideration F: Commemorative Properties

Criteria Consideration F holds that a “property primarily commemorative in intent can be eligible if design, age, tradition, or symbolic value has invested it with its own historical significance.”34 The Marshall University Memorial Fountain meets this criteria consideration for its historically significant design. It is a prominent work of abstract public art created by Harry Bertoia and one of his few fountain projects.

31 Judy Van Wagner, “Joslyn’s Bertoia,” undated article, publication unknown, Marshall University Archives, Accession No. 19840227, Marshall University Special Collections, Huntington, WV.
9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)


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https://mds.marshall.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=3066&context=parthenon.
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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

___ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
___ previously listed in the National Register
___ previously determined eligible by the National Register
___ designated a National Historic Landmark
___ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #___________
___ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #_________
___ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey #__________

Primary location of additional data:
___ State Historic Preservation Office
___ Other State agency
___ Federal agency
___ Local government
___ X University
___ Other
    Name of repository: Marshall University Special Collections

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): CB-2176

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property  less than one acre

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates
Datum if other than WGS84: 
(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)
1. Latitude:  Longitude:
2. Latitude:  Longitude:
3. Latitude:  Longitude:
4. Latitude:  Longitude:
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Or

UTM References
Datum (indicated on USGS map):

☐ NAD 1927 or ☑ NAD 1983

1. Zone: 17N  Easting: 375254  Northing: 4253696
2. Zone:      Easting:  Northing:
3. Zone:      Easting:  Northing:
4. Zone:      Easting:  Northing:

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The nomination boundary comprises a 26’8” x 26’8” square surrounding the UTM references given above, matching the dimensions of the reflecting pool. Located in the center of the Marshall Memorial Student Center Plaza, within the 25.65 acre parcel described in Cabell County Deed Book 1149, Page 434. Boundary depicted in Figure 9.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The selected boundary fully encompasses the nominated resource.
11. Form Prepared By

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date: March 19, 2024

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.

- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)
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Figure 8: USGS Map – Huntington Quadrangle, 7.5-Minute Series, 2023
Figure 9: Boundary Line & Photo Key – Satellite Image, WVGISTC, WVSHPO

= NR Boundary

= Photo Viewpoints
Photographs
Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn’t need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Marshall University Memorial Fountain
City or Vicinity: Huntington
County: Cabell    State: West Virginia
Photographer: Steven Cody Straley
Date Photographed: February 6, 2024

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

1 of 7:   Memorial Fountain, northwest elevation
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2 of 7: Memorial Fountain close-up, northwest elevation
         WV_CabellCo_MarshallMemorialFountain_0002

3 of 7: Memorial Fountain base, northwest elevation
         WV_CabellCo_MarshallMemorialFountain_0003

4 of 7: Memorial Fountain top, north elevation
         WV_CabellCo_MarshallMemorialFountain_0004

5 of 7: Memorial Fountain, east elevation
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6 of 7: Memorial Fountain Plaque, east elevation
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7 of 7: Memorial Fountain and plaza, southwest elevation
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Photo 5: Memorial Fountain, east elevation

Photo 6: Memorial Fountain plaque, east elevation
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Photo 7: Memorial Fountain and plaza, southwest elevation

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