

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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

1. NAME

COMMON:
Greenbrier County Library and Museum

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Supreme Court Library Building

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 60, West and Courtney Drive

CITY OR TOWN:
Lewisburg

STATE West Virginia	CODE 54	COUNTY: Greenbrier	CODE 025
------------------------	------------	-----------------------	-------------

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"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Lewisburg

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Lewisburg

STATE: West Virginia	CODE 54
-------------------------	------------

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Office of the Clerk of Greenbrier County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Lewisburg

STATE: West Virginia	CODE 54
-------------------------	------------

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY:

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:	CODE:
--------	-------

STATE:

COUNTY:

FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a two story brick, locally fired, located to the southwest of the Thomas Edgar survey for the town of Lewisburg. Erected in 1834 by James Frasier as a Law library and study for the jurors, judges and attorneys of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia.

The entrance on the North side of the building opens into a large room with twin fireplaces on the east end facing two wide doors on the west end of the room. These open into a smaller room which has similar fireplaces on the western side of this smaller room. From this smaller room a door leads to a rear hall with an outside entrance on the north.

The stairway to the second floor is located on the south side of the small hallway at the west end of the building.

The second floor is one large room except for a small hallway and the top landing of the stairway.

Inasmuch, as this hallway and stairwell section of the building is not "tied-in" with the original brick, it would seem that this is a later addition, enclosing the stairway to the second floor.

Each fireplace is adorned with large mantels and the walls are lined with shelves.

The condition of the building is excellent, now being occupied by the Greenbrier County Library and Museum.

The general architectural style is that common to Virginia of this period of History.

In the period of restoration a section of the original wall was not painted or disturbed because it showed the names and dates of several Civil War soldiers who were either billeted here or who were patients in the building when it served as a military hospital.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" 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) 1834 to present

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On April 8, 1831, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia decreed that an annual session of the Supreme Court of Appeals be held in Lewisburg, Greenbrier County to serve the increasing population west of the mountains. The first session was held on August 1, 1831. Lewisburg, being such a great distance from Richmond, was not too well equipped with references to the law except that which the attorneys brought with them. So it was that the jurors persuaded a Mr. John Frasier, who operated a nearby inn, to erect a building to serve as a Law library and study. This was leased to the State of Virginia until the court sessions ended in 1864.

All law books were removed to Richmond at this time and for several years the building was occupied by the Masonic Lodge. Their charter still hangs on the museum wall, dated 1796.

The Greenbrier College for Women came in ownership and, in 1935, the College Trustees deeded it to the town to be used as a library and museum, as it is today.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Dayton, Ruth Woods, Lewisburg Landmarks, Education Foundations, Inc., Charleston, West Virginia, 1957.
2. Dayton, Ruth Woods, Greenbrier Pioneers and Their Homes, West Virginia Publishing Co., Charleston, West Virginia, 1942.
3. Van Sickler, Harry, "The Greenbrier County Library and Museum," a booklet, 1942.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	° ' "	° ' "		37° 49' 10"	80° 25' 45"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/2 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
<u>UTM 17 548060 4183100</u>			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
C. Doyle Kester, Research Field Agent

ORGANIZATION: W.Va. Antiquities Commission DATE: June 19, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
Old Mountainlair, WVU

CITY OR TOWN: Morgantown STATE: West Virginia CODE: 54

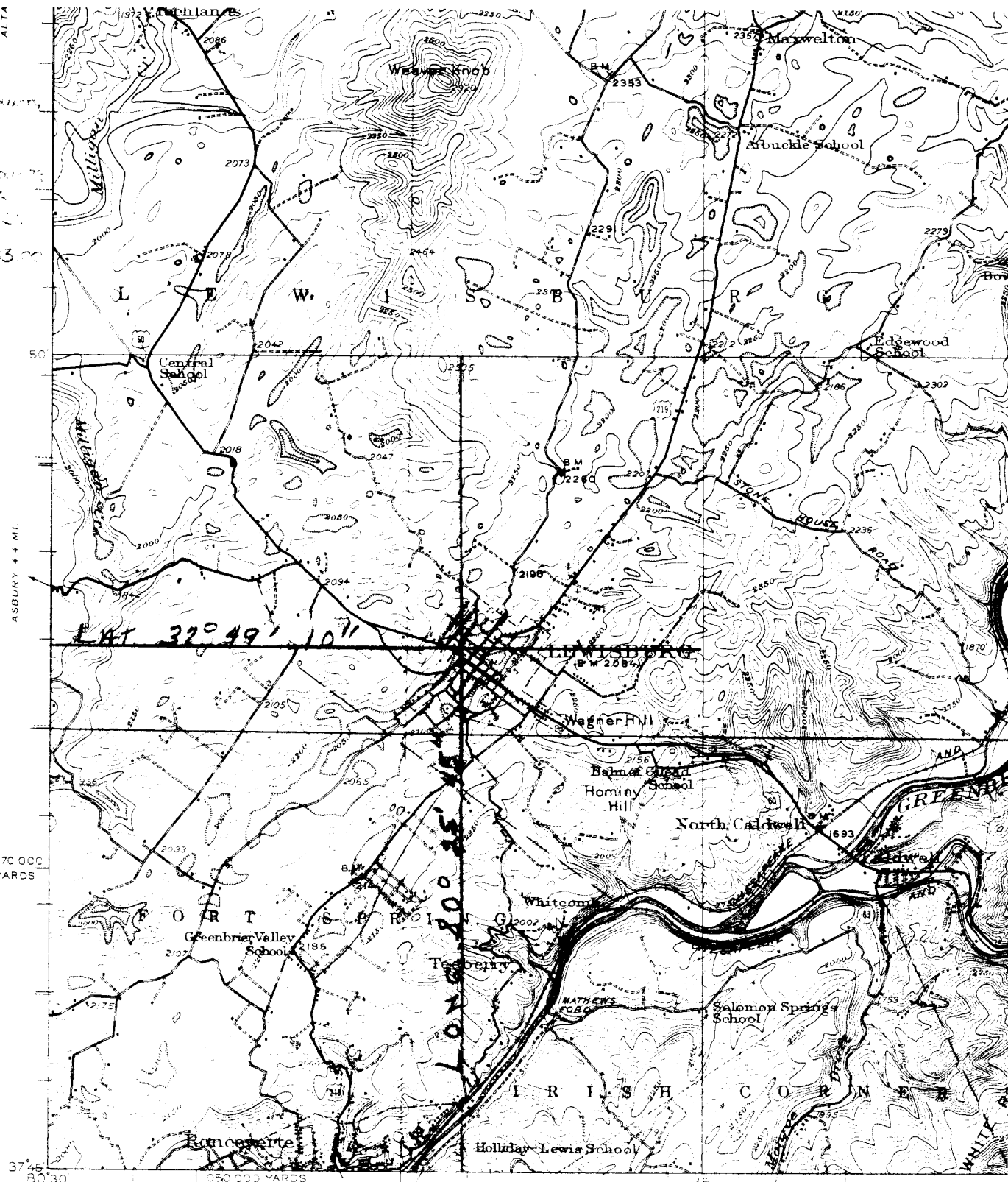
12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Dallas B. Shaffer</u> Dallas B. Shaffer Title <u>State Liaison Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>July 26, 1971</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</u></p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>
---	--

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

GAULEY 6
ALTA

FREEDOM TWP. CO. W. VA.
GREEN BRIER CO. W. VA.
7/54600/418300



ASBURY 4.4 MI

1670 000
YARDS

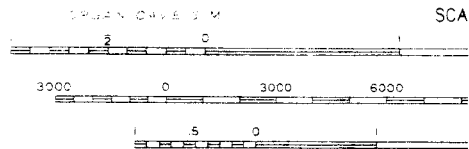
37° 30'

Alderson

Topography by Eline and R.C. Seitz, and H.K. Limer
 Surveyed in 1921
 Culture revised in 1934-1935 by A.G. England
 and C.W. Birdseye

URBAN GAGE 25 M
 PRINCETON 25 M

TRUE NORTH
 MAGNETIC NORTH
 APPROXIMATE MEAN
 DECLINATION, 1935



CONTOUR 1
 DATUM IS

THIS MAP IS AVAILABLE WITH C
 FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGIC,
 A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC N

