1. NAME
   City Building
   Sistersville City Hall

2. LOCATION
   STREET AND NUMBER:
   City Square, Main and Diamond Streets
   Sistersville
   CITY OR TOWN: West Virginia 26175
   STATE: 4
   COUNTY: Tyler 093

3. CLASSIFICATION
   CATEGORY (Check One)
   District
   Site
   Structure
   Other
   Ownership
   Public
   Private
   Church
   Bank
   Status
   Public Acquisition
   In Process
   Being Considered
   Accessible
   Yes:
   No:
   Restricted
   Unrestricted
   Present Use (Check One or More as Appropriate)
   Agricultural
   Commercial
   Educational
   Entertainment
   Government
   Industrial
   Military
   Religious
   Transportation
   Comments
   Other (Specify)

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

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
   COURT HOUSE REGISTRY OF DEEDS ETC.
   Tyler County Court House
   CITY OR TOWN: Middlebourne
   STATE: West Virginia 26149
   CODE: 4

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
   TITLE OF SURVEY:
   DATE OF SURVEY:
   January 1971
   DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
   Sistersville Planning Commission
   CITY OR TOWN: Sistersville
   STATE: West Virginia 26175
   CODE: 4
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.

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.
### A. SIGNIFICANCE

**PERIOD**  (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- [ ] Pre-Columbian
- [ ] 16th Century
- [ ] 17th Century
- [ ] 18th Century
- [ ] 19th Century
- [ ] 20th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE** (If Applicable and Known)
- [ ] 1897

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE** (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- [ ] Aboriginal
- [ ] Architecture
- [ ] Art
- [ ] Communications
- [ ] Commerce
- [ ] Conservation
- [ ] Education
- [ ] Engineering
- [ ] Fine Art
- [ ] Government
- [ ] History
- [ ] Agriculture
- [ ] Invention
- [ ] Landscape
- [ ] Literature
- [ ] Military
- [ ] Music
- [ ] Political
- [ ] Religion/Phil.
- [ ] Science
- [ ] Sculpture
- [ ] Social/Human.
- [ ] Theater
- [ ] Transportation

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This building was advertised 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.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

DAILY OIL REVIEW, INDUSTRIAL EDITION, February 1896.
Library" by Mrs. Paul J. Neuenschwander.
TYLER COUNTY JOURNAL, Jan. 22, 1903. "The Virginia Club."

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES
DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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Approximate acreage of nominated property:

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

CODE:

26506

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