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Registration Form

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1. Name of Property

historic name Manistee County Courthouse Fountain
other names/site number Memorial Fountain

2. Location

street & number Onekama Village Park N/A not for publication
city, town Onekama N/A vicinity
state Michigan code MI county Manistee code 101 zip code 49675

3. Classification

Ownership of Property		Category of Property		Number of Resources within Property	
				Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> buildings		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites		
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures		
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total		

Name of related multiple property listing:
None

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Martha M. Bigelow 12/21/87
Signature of certifying official Date
Director, Bureau of History
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
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- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.

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- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Recreation and culture/

work of art

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Recreation and culture/

work of art

monument/marker

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls N/A

roof N/A

other Iron/lead

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Memorial Fountain, originally one of two located in front of the Manistee County Courthouse and moved to the Onekama Village Park in 1951, is an ornamental fountain of cast iron, topped by a lead figure, and standing on a modern concrete base. The fountain is a total of seventy-seven inches in height and eighty-eight inches wide across the lowest basin. Rising from the lowest basin, a pedestal decorated with storks, cat-o'-nine tails, lilly leaves, and flowers supports a second basin. Above is a second, urn-shaped pedestal, supporting a smaller basin, on which rests a sixteen-inch high, lead figure of a merman riding on a dolphin and blowing his horn.

The Fountain's lower pedestal is forty-one inches in height to the top of the middle basin or "spill" and has a base diameter of twenty inches. The middle spill has a rim diameter of thirty-five inches. The upper pedestal, with a base diameter of six inches, extends upwards twenty inches to support the upper basin or spill, which has a nineteen-inch diameter. The lead merman figure at the top is sixteen inches in height.

On two main flutes of the inside surface in the center spill of the Memorial Fountain appears the inscription, "Patented April 11, 1871." A patent search of the design patents for the particular week preceding that date surfaced six patents registered by Jonathan Moore and William Wilkinson, of Brooklyn, New York, assignors to Jonathan Moore and A. Horton of the same place. These patents are for decorative designs that were used in the manufacture of fountains and flower vases. Design Patent Nos. 4804, 4806, and 4809 illustrate decorative designs on parts of the Memorial Fountain.

The iron basin has the leaf and shell design around the edge that appears in Design Patent No. 4806. The stork and flag design appears in the pedestal in the center of the iron basin; this pedestal supports the lower spill. Design Patent No. 4809 illustrates the stork and flag pedestal. The patent description gives further details of the ornamentation contained on this pedestal, which has three sides.

On the underneath side of the middle spill appears the acanthus, flute, and scallop designs that are shown in Design Patent No. 4804. Above the middle spill is the upper pedestal with a variation of the leaf design enclosing the fluted column. The upper spill has a variation of the acanthus-leaf design with the fluting under it. The edges of both spills have fluting that turns over and slightly under to form good drip edges for the water to fall. The edges vary with the larger and smaller flutes; where the larger flutes occur, the edge is formed more deeply and pointedly to allow a larger stream of water to fall.

The statue is a very detailed merman riding a dolphin and blowing a horn, from where the water flowed originally. The dolphin and merman are massed on top of rock formations that appear in the design.

It is not known if Moore, Wilkinson, and/or Horton were the original manufacturers or just the designers of the Memorial Fountain.

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The cement foundation on which the Fountain and basin are standing is surrounded by a red-brick trough with a drain to catch the blowing spray caused by the winds in the Park. A cement curb separates this trough from a slightly lower flagstone walk that encircles the Fountain and connects with a flagstone walk on the west running to the drive at the middle entrance of the Park, and a flagstone walk on the east curving its way by the location of the drinking fountain and going to the drive at the east entrance of the park. At the outer edge of the walk encircling the fountain is planted variegated euonymus.

The Onekama Village Park that contains the landscaped frontage areas with the Fountain is approximately 4.55 acres in size with a total frontage on the south side of Main Street of approximately 343 feet and a depth of approximately 579 feet along the east boundary from Main Street to Portage Lake. The Park includes all of Block A in the Original Village of Onekama and, at present, contains approximately 729 feet along Portage Lake on the south and southwestern boundaries.

The portions of the Park behind the landscaped frontage areas contain parking, a large bathhouse and toilet building, a picnic pavilion, a multi-use paved sports area, picnic tables, a fish-cleaning station, boat-launching ramps, a swimming beach, a play area, and many trees.

Main Street (Highway M-22) runs along the north boundary of the Park. On the north side of Main Street in the 4700 block across from the Park are two residences, one constructed from a store building, and a small gift shop. Fronting on the south side of Main Street just east of the park is a food concession having indoor seating. To the east of the food concession in the 4800 block of Main Street are a lumber company and hardware store, the Post Office, a woodworking shop, a beauty salon, a barber shop, a drugstore, a hospital auxiliary thrift shop, and another storefront residence.

Also just east of the Park and behind the food concession on southward to Portage Lake is a residence and a sportsmen's resort containing cottages and dockage. West of the Park on the south side of Main Street extending to Portage Lake is landscaped property that contains condominium dwellings of recent origin. All buildings near the Park range in age from around the turn of the century to recent vintage, most having a modern appearance.

At the time of the renovation of the Onekama Village Park in 1978, the plans designated as a "pedestrian park" the front area containing the Fountain that had been developed and maintained by the Portage Lake Garden Club. This approximately 71-foot wide portion of the Park fronting some 150 feet along the south side of Main Street lies between the east and middle entrance drives, and has been extensively landscaped with ornamental trees and shrubs as well as maple trees. The area also features maintained lawns. Large trees and shrubs screen this frontage from the activities in the recreational areas at the back of the Park.

To the west of this area is further frontage along Main Street between the middle entrance and west entrance drives of the Park. This area also was landscaped by the Portage Lake Garden Club and contains an historical marker telling the history of the settlement in the Portage Lake area and the building of the channel connecting Portage with Lake Michigan, and detailing the origin of the name, "Onekama."

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Art

Period of Significance

1887

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Fountain is significant as a notable piece of nineteenth-century, public sculpture and one of comparatively few survivors among the many such fountains which existed in Michigan in the early twentieth century. The Fountain was one of two identical fountains purchased in 1887 to decorate the lawn of the Victorian Gothic courthouse completed in 1878. It displays various decorative elements whose designs were patented in 1871 by Jonathan Moore and William Wilkinson of Brooklyn, New York. When the 1878 courthouse burned in 1950, the Portage Lake Garden Club obtained one of the fountains. The Fountain was installed at the present site in July, 1951 and dedicated on August 16, 1951 as a memorial to the deceased servicemen of Onekama Township.

The Fountain and the Manistee County Courthouse

On January 12, 1878, the Manistee Times and Standard reported that the Manistee County Courthouse "is about completed and the building will be occupied next week." This Victorian-Gothic structure was designed by Watkins and Hidden of Bay City; contractors for the project were Fry and Washer of Grand Rapids. Porter and Brimgertner, also of Grand Rapids, did the brickwork for this structure, which faced north on Third Street in Manistee, and was surrounded by grounds extending along the entire south side of Third Street between Maple and Oak Streets, and being one-half city block in extent. The project cost around \$35,000.

At the April 22, 1887, meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Manistee County, the first mention of the fountains, of which the Memorial Fountain is one, is made in the Board minutes when the Committee on County Buildings reported as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Manistee County: -- Gentlemen -- Your Committee on County Buildings have the honor to report: and do recommend that the halls in the Court House and the Clerks and Sheriffs Offices be calcimined, That a gas lamp be placed in front of the Court House and also a Fountain the east side and one on the west side of the Court House.

The report of the Committee was adopted by the Commissioners and instructions were given "to have said calcimining done and to have the fountains and Lamp Post placed on the grounds at the lowest possible figures obtainable." This work was to be done by a special committee composed of Jeremiah Daniels, chairman of the Committee on County Buildings, and B. F. Wilson.

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It is interesting to note at this same meeting of the Board of Commissioners that a petition from the Manistee Light Guard Band was received seeking permission to erect a bandstand on the grounds west of the Courthouse. Approval was granted, providing that no other persons be allowed on the grounds during band practice.

The work on the fountains is reported as completed in the July 14, 1887, minutes of the Board:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the matter of kalcomining the offices and halls of Court House and the placing of Fountains and Gas Lamp in Court Yard reported as follows. To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Manistee County: Gentlemen -- Your Committee on Kalcomining Lamp Post, and Fountains have the honor to report. That we have had a lamp post put up on the grounds at a cost of \$19.00 and contracted with the gas company to furnish gas at Three dollars per Month for same. That we have had the halls and Offices of the Register of Deeds and Sheriffs Kalcomined at a cost of Twenty-four dollars. That we purchased Two Fountains at a cost of \$330. That we have had same connected and put up on the grounds and done the necessary grading at a cost of \$209.22

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Jeremiah Daniels
B. F. Wilson
Committee

The fountains were placed east and west and slightly in front of the Courthouse on low mounds of earth. Early pictures show a row of evergreens planted in front of each fountain, screening it from Third Street. It is not known why the fountains were screened from the street, unless the evergreens simply had overgrown.

Mr. Daniels, who was supervisor of the First Ward in Manistee, is given much credit for the erection of the fountains by The Manistee Democrat on June 30, 1887: "to Jerry Daniels belongs the credit of having the two fountains placed in the court-house grounds. They will be completed by July 4, and will cost the county about \$500 each." Although the Board minutes report the cost of the two fountains as \$539.22, it seems that the amount expended was erroneously reported by not only The Democrat, but also Manistee's Voice of the People that stated on July 7, 1887, "the new fountains in the court house square will cost about \$500 each, but they are a great blessing."

The Fire

The Victorian Gothic Courthouse remained in use until February 23, 1950, when it was destroyed by fire.

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The Portage Lake Garden Club Brings the Memorial Fountain to the Onekama Village Park

On July 24, 1935 a meeting was held to consider organizing a garden club to which summer and permanent residents in the Onekama area could belong. A second meeting of the proposed garden club was held on August 1; and Mrs. M. A. Farr was elected president; Mrs. F. W. Briske, vice president; and Mrs. Speer, secretary and treasurer. The name chosen for the Club was "Portage Lake Garden Club." One of the first committees appointed was in charge of civic improvement in Onekama, a subject that discussion showed was of interest to everyone. This interest resulted in civic improvement becoming an objective to the Club and was exhibited in the bringing of the Memorial Fountain to the Onekama Village Park, and the subsequent landscaping and maintenance involved with it.

Even before the memorial project was undertaken in the front of the Village Park, the Portage Lake Garden Club assisted financially with Park expenses. The earliest mention of undertaking the project leading to the removal of the Memorial Fountain to Onekama was in 1944, when Mrs. Briske suggested that a drinking fountain and a birdbath be placed in the Park.

On August 10, 1944, Mrs. A. H. Knuth, chairman of the Civic Committee, reported "that the proposed project of putting a fountain in the Onekama Park was very acceptable to the Village Council." It is surprising to find at this early date (some six years before the Courthouse burned and the Fountain was moved to Onekama) Mrs. Knuth also stated it was possible to obtain one of the fountains from the Manistee County Courthouse. On the motion of Mrs. Frank White, it was voted to provide funds to set up the fountain in the Park.

As the Onekama Village Council proceedings are missing from June 7, 1943, to May 3, 1954, no material is available to verify the reaction and participation of the Village officials in the memorial project. The Garden Club minutes and the minutes of the County Board of Supervisors are the only proceedings available that pertain to this project.

The mention of funds being collected and put into a special Memorial Fund is found several times in minutes during 1944 through 1945. On September 10, 1946, a Memorial Committee, consisting of Mrs. Leonard Vaughan, chairman; Mrs. R. J. Chinnock; and Mrs. Philip Beauvais, was appointed. Mrs. Vaughan's family had the well-known Vaughan's Seed Company in Illinois. On July 10, 1947, Mrs. Vaughan reported that she had written to the State Highway Department in Lansing asking for information about obtaining assistance in designing the memorial project.

A letter from E. C. Eckert, chief forester of the Highway Department, was written to Mrs. Vaughan on October 2, 1947, advising that he; Leon Nugent, the district forester at Cadillac; Miss Florence Bradford of the Garden Club; and Mr. Sellers of the Onekama Village Council had met the previous week and selected a location along Highway M-22 (Main Street) "immediately east of the old railroad depot, and bounded on the south by the railroad tracks and on the east by a service road leading to the cottages along Portage Lake." The letter also indicated that Mr. Nugent was preparing the landscaping plan to be submitted to the Club.

During 1948, it was reported by Miss Bradford that the cost of erecting a flagpole as a memorial in the Village Park would be too expensive, but that it was still possible to do something about a fountain. Further discussion concerning the project continued in 1949 with a special committee being appointed to meet with Village officials "to discuss plans for a memorial and try to settle on something this year." This Committee consisted of Mrs. Vaughan, chairman; Mrs. W. H. Hattendorf; Mrs. Raymond Donnersberger; Miss Bradford; and Miss Marion Larsen.

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On July 25, 1949, Mrs. Vaughan stated that the Village officials would allow the Garden Club to choose any site in the Village Park for the fountain that was to be erected and urged that all members join her after the meeting to participate in the decision. On August 11, she reported that the Village officials had approved the site chosen by the Club for the fountain. No mention is made of the exact site in the minutes; however, it obviously was that which had been agreed upon in the meeting with State Highway Department officials in 1947.

On August 25, 1949, the Memorial Fund Committee, under Mrs. Vaughan's chairmanship, was empowered to carry out the plans that had been made for the memorial; and on June 29, 1950, it was reported that Mr. Nugent had written Mrs. Vaughan on January 26, 1950, promising the landscaping plan that had never been received for the memorial project, and that work was to start soon on the project.

Meanwhile, the Manistee County Courthouse had been destroyed by fire; and the June 29, 1950, proceedings of the Manistee County Board of Supervisors indicated that William Soller, the supervisor from Onekama Township, moved that the removal of the fountains on the old Courthouse property be "left to the Building Committee with power to act." This motion was supported by LaVern Williams from the Second District and carried. Apparently, final clearance of the Courthouse grounds was being made at this time in anticipation of starting a new Courthouse; Mr. Soller, who also had been on the Onekama Village Council, was a member of the County Building Committee.

On July 6, 1950, Mrs. Ray Wolters reported that one of the fountains was being offered to the Portage Lake Garden Club. Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Hattendorf were to go look at it immediately; and on July 15, 1950, the Club accepted the Memorial Fountain with great pleasure. "At this point, Miss Ethel Larsen gave a brief history of the Fountain that had been offered to Mrs. Knuth many years ago for the Onekama Park; and it was felt that as long as it was a County Courthouse, one fountain should be in the city and one fountain in the County."

On July 27, Mrs. Vaughan reported that the Fountain was in Onekama. The side of the Courthouse from which this Fountain was removed is unknown. It also is possible that it might have been the best pieces of both fountains, as they were a matching pair. Nevertheless, only the statue in poor report and the upper spill from the "other" fountain are known to exist in the Manistee County Historical Museum. The August 3, 1950, Garden Club minutes indicate that Mr. Soller would take complete charge of installing the Memorial Fountain in the Park.

On August 10, Mrs. Vaughan introduced Mr. Nugent to the Club; he stated that the long-awaited landscaping plan for the Memorial Park would be ready within the next two weeks. The plan arrived on September 21, 1950.

On July 9, 1951, it was reported that the Memorial Fountain was installed and that planting was to be done around the Fountain very soon. The dedication of the Memorial Fountain was held August 16, 1951. Mrs. H. M. Mulberry, president of the Garden Club, introduced Judge Howard Campbell of Cadillac, who gave the dedicatory address. Judge Campbell, who was Circuit Court judge of the Cadillac District and a former Manistee attorney, briefly told the history of the Fountain and stated that it "would be a lasting tribute to the deceased servicemen of Onekama Township." Mrs. Vaughan also described the project, and recognized those who had helped in obtaining the Fountain and erecting.

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The Garden Club had spent \$511.34 for the Fountain installation and landscaping, for which \$22.15 was taken from the treasury and the remainder from the Memorial Fund for payment of the bills. It is not known who paid a bill of \$41.20 for the mugho pines that were planted around the fountain, although it is possible that Mrs. Vaughan did herself.

A bad year for the Fountain occurred in 1973, when on July 20 it was discovered that the lead merman had been removed. An editorial was written about the theft; and the Manistee County Historical Museum's curator, John W. Hicks, assured his support in having the duplicate statue in the Museum's possession sent to Onekama if the wandering merman were not found.

In late 1973 to make matters worse, a late-night driver ran his car off Main Street, striking the Fountain, knocking the basin loose from the cement foundation, and breaking part of the decorative casting on the edge. The Garden Club president of that year, Mrs. Thomas Gallagher, picked up the broken pieces and placed them in a box. The crooked Fountain with no merman looked very sad the winter and spring of 1974.

Things started looking up, though, when on February 21, 1974, the statue was found on the doorstep of Sheriff Ford Waterman's home. During July, 1974, the spills and center pedestals of the Memorial Fountain were disassembled and taken to a commercial paint stripper in Ludington, Michigan, by Tom H. Gerhardt, Donovan Kott, and John H. Perschbacher. This removed the many coats of paint. The basin of the Fountain was lifted by seven men and hauled by Chester Gauthier across Portage Lake to his shop to have the edging repaired by welding the broken chunks back into space.

The Fountain was then reassembled with the wandering merman chained down, and the water flowed once more. On August 8, 1974, Mrs. F. W. Briske reported that the Village had agreed to install a floodlight for the beautification and protection of the Fountain.

The Fountain in Context

Fountains and other forms of public sculpture have not received the attention in Michigan they deserve, although well researched guidebooks to the public, outdoor sculpture of Detroit, Lansing, Jackson and Kalamazoo have been published in recent years. The state historic preservation office's statewide historic and architectural surveys in the past have for the most part not recorded examples of public, outdoor sculpture, including historic fountains (this is now longer the case). Thus, the information upon which this discussion of nineteenth-century, iron fountains in Michigan is based comes from the statewide survey, city outdoor sculpture guidebooks, old views from post cards and books, and Michigan State Register of Historic Sites site files.

Cast iron fountains of elaborate design began to appear probably in the 1850s, but their heyday seems to have been the period from 1865 to 1900. One of the earliest important Michigan examples may have been the fountain that Henry C. Lewis, a wealthy Coldwater businessman who had travelled much in Europe and obtained a large art collection, had installed in front of his house and art gallery. The art gallery was built in 1869 and the earliest illustration showing the three-tier fountain made in 1879. It seems likely the fountain dates from between 1869 and 1879.

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In late nineteenth-century Michigan cast-iron fountains decorated county courthouse grounds, public squares or parks, and the grounds of some private homes. Courthouses in Hastings, Grayling, Newberry, Manistee and perhaps a few other towns among Michigan's eighty-one county seats are known to have had cast-iron fountains, but the total number seems to have been very small. Courthouse grounds were more likely to sport Civil War monuments or surplus cannons than ornamental fountains. Of Michigan's nineteenth-century, cast-iron, courthouse fountains, only the Manistee one now at Onekama and a simple, c. 1890 pelican one that stood in front of the Luce County Courthouse and Jail (the old courthouse has been demolished) in Newberry survive.

The Manistee/Onekama fountain is one of very few important ornamental, metal, nineteenth-century fountains known to survive in Michigan. The others are:

Abram C. Fisk Estate, Coldwater (probably 1880s). The only known Michigan fountain by J. W. Fiske of New York, this has a lower pedestal exhibiting a stork design similar to the Manistee/Onekama one, but with different details. The fountain has a scalloped-edge upper basin filled with shells and other things supporting a rustic stone pedestal topped by a figure of a child pulling a fish from a net.

Maids of the Mist, St. Joseph (c. 1892). Made for the World's Columbian Exposition of Chicago and brought to its present site on a bluff overlooking Lake Michigan at the close of the fair this fountain has three tiers of pedestals displaying female figures supporting progressively smaller basins.

Michigan Soldiers' Home (Veterans' Facility), Grand Rapids (c. 1893). This three-tier fountain with a large pool about its base is the only known Michigan fountain by the J. L. Mott Iron Works of New York. A young woman at the top pours water from a pitcher while the youths below drink water from shells.

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Integrity

The nominated courthouse fountain was one element of the landscape design of the former Manistee County Courthouse. Normally the courthouse together with its grounds would have been nominated as a unit. In this case, however, the courthouse is gone and all other elements of the early landscaping are lost. The fountain itself has been removed to a new site.

We feel that, despite the removal of the fountain from the historic environment of which it was a subsidiary part, and despite the fact that the move took place less than fifty years ago, the fountain meets the National Register criteria as an art object of significance in and of itself.

Fountains such as this were not designed individually to fit specific sites, but were produced commercially. This fountain was purchased for the Manistee County Courthouse, but others of the same or similar design may have graced courthouse grounds, parks, or home grounds in a number of different localities throughout the nation. We feel this fountain is significant as a rare surviving representation in Michigan of the whole body of Victorian cast-iron fountain design that was in vogue from the 1860's to about 1900.

The fountain originally stood in the park-like grounds of the Manistee County Courthouse. Its current location, the village park in Onekama, is only about ten miles from the original site and in the same county. Its present setting is an appropriate one for a public fountain and piece of public outdoor sculpture.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Previous documentation on file (NPS): None

- 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 # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A

16	563	230	49128	210
Zone	Easting			

B

Zone	Easting			

C

Zone	Easting			

D

Zone	Easting			

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Verbal Boundary Description

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Boundary Justification

This small tract includes the fountain, but excludes the bulk of the historically non-related park land around it.

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Portage Lake Garden Club. Minutes, meetings of July 24, August 1, 1935; second meeting of the season, August 10, August 31, 1944; July 12, August 23, 1945; September 10, 1946; July 10, 1947; August 12, 1948; July 15, July 25, August 11, August 25, 1949; June 29, July 6, July 15, July 27, August 3, August 10, 1950; July 9, August 2, August 30, 1951; August 20, 1952; August 18, 1955; August 1, 1957; June 25, 1959; September 7, 1960; July 20, August 31, 1961; August 30, 1962; August 22, 1963; August 19, September 2, 1965; September 8, 1966; July 9, 1970; August 8, 1974; July 25, 1985.

Seymour, Fred W., and Wife to Village of Onekama. Deed dated in 1940. Filed in the Manistee County Recorder's Office, Manistee, Michigan, in 1940. Liber 129 of Deeds, p. 613.

"The View from Here: A Community Loss." The Manistee News-Advocate, July 31, 1973.

"The View from Here: Happy Ending." The Manistee News-Advocate, February 26, 1974.

"War Memorial at Onekama." The Manistee News-Advocate, August 17, 1951.

"WPA Crews Start on Onekama Village Park." Manistee County Pioneer Press, January 31, 1939.

The minutes of the Portage Lake Garden Club are in the Club's Farr Center archives, which also contain correspondence and other records of the Club and the Memorial Park project. The Village of Onekama Clerk's Office has the plats of the Village Park and minutes of Village meetings. Minutes of the Manistee County supervisors' meetings are in the County Clerk's Office. The Manistee County Library and Manistee County Historical Museum are sources of the published materials.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Located in the Onekama Village Park whose legal description is as follows:

Commencing at the point of intersection of the West line of Lot 4, Section 26, Township 23 North, Range 16 West with the South line of Main Street, as per plat of the Village of Onekama, thence South 78 degrees 45 minutes East along the South line of Main Street 337 feet thence South 150 feet, thence North 78 degrees 45 minutes West 337 feet parallel with South line of Main Street, thence North 150 feet to place of beginning.

The fountain stands about 35 feet back (south) from the curb line of Main Street and about 150 feet from the east line of the park measuring the distance along a line parallel with Main Street beginning at the fountain. The nominated tract is a circle 40 feet in diameter. centered on the fountain.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Manistee County Courthouse Fountain
Manistee County
MICHIGAN

JAN 4 1988

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89
Date Due: 2/5/88 - 2/13/88
Action: ACCEPT 2-8-88
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below _____

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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Onkama, Manistee Co., Michigan

Eric Joseph Sept., 1985
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View looking NE

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Manistee County Courthouse Fountain
Onekama, Manistee Co., Michigan

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View looking SW

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Manistee County Courthouse Fountain
Onekama, Manistee Co., Michigan

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Detail of base looking NE

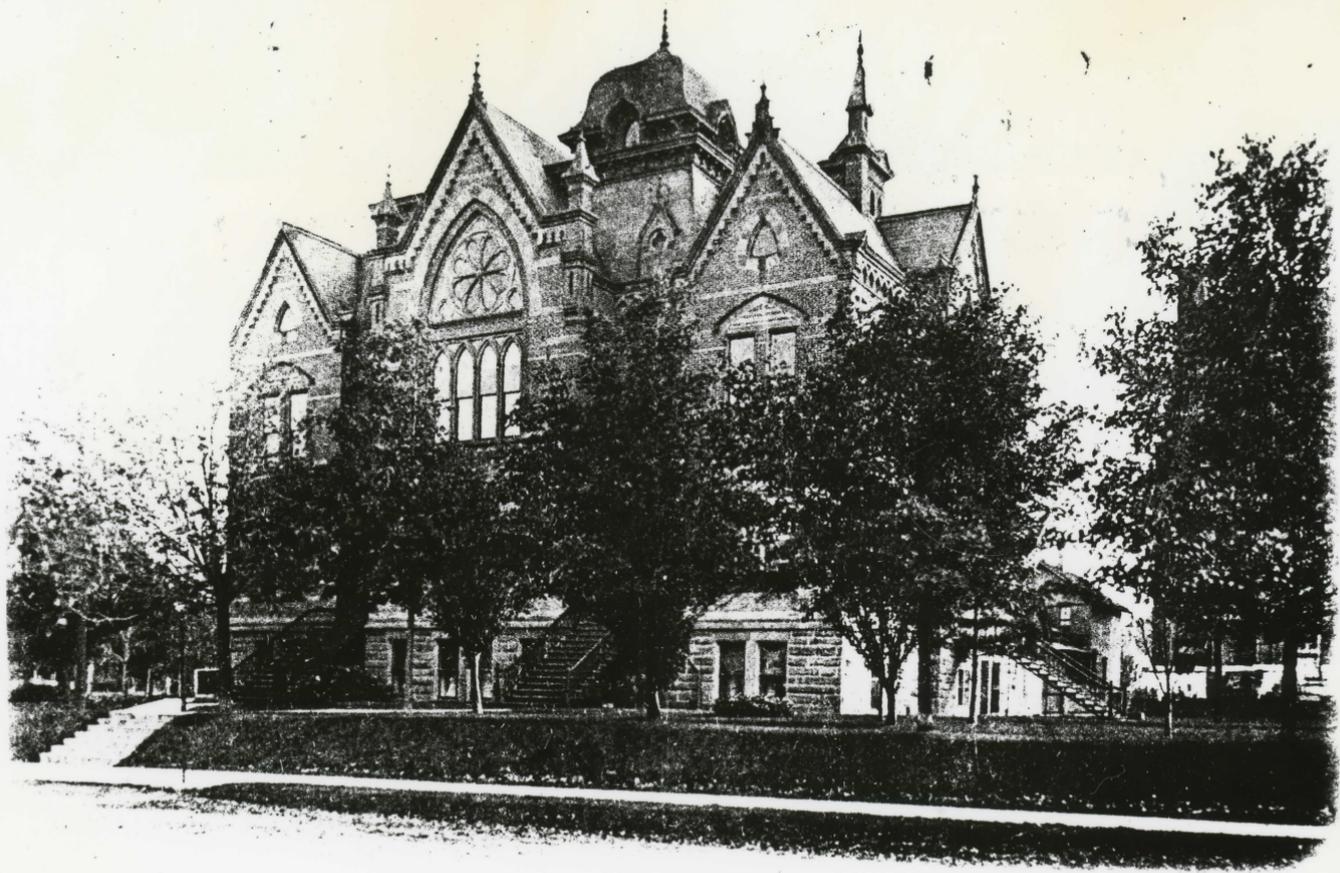
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Manistee County Courthouse Fountain
Onkama, Manistee Co., Michigan

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Detail of merman looking SE

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Court House. Manistee, Mich.

Manistee County Courthouse Fountain
Onekama, Manistee Co., Michigan

Clare Peterson Oct., 1987

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Former Manistee County Courthouse with east
Fountain showing at extreme left-hand end
(from Post card by S. Langsdorf & Co., 1906)

Photo 5 of 6



Manistee County Courthouse Fountain
Onekama, Manistee Co., Michigan

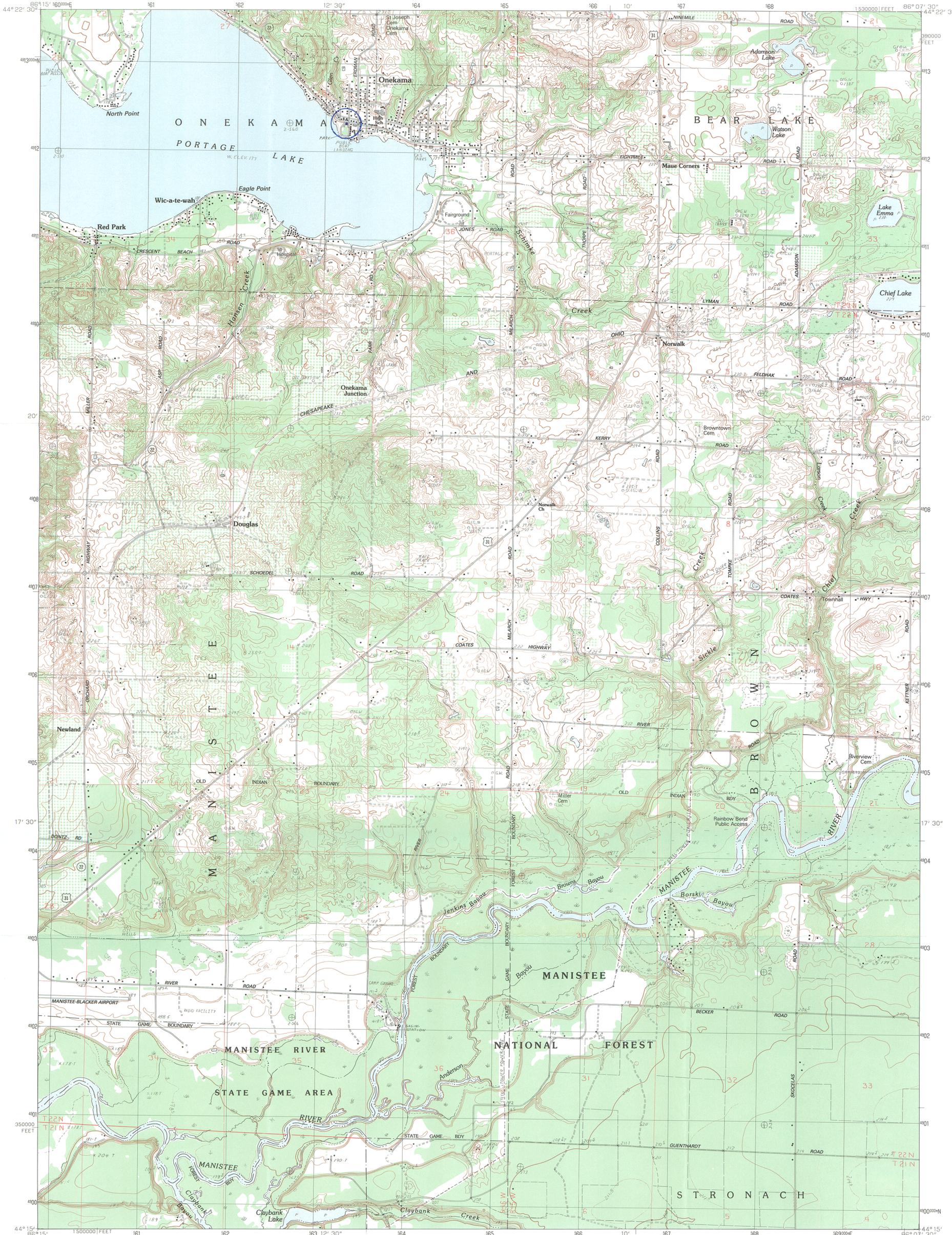
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East fountain, former Manistee County
Court house, (from 1906 Photograph by
Acme Photo co., Manistee)

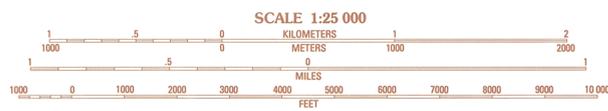
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Manistee County Courthouse
Fountain
Onkama, Manistee Co.,
Michigan
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COMPILED FROM AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN 1977
FIELD CHECKED 1979 MAP EDITED 1982
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10,000-FOOT STATE GRID TICKS
MICHIGAN, CENTRAL ZONE
UTM GRID DECLINATION 0°34' EAST
1982 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION 5°00' WEST
VERTICAL DATUM NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
HORIZONTAL DATUM 1927 NORTH AMERICAN DATUM
To place on the predicted North American Datum of 1983
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(3 meters north and 3 meters east)
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of any
Federal and State reservations shown on this map

PROVISIONAL MAP
Produced from original
manuscript drawings. Infor-
mation shown as of date of
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 3 METERS
SUPPLEMENTARY CONTOUR INTERVAL 1.5 METERS
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- Unimproved Road
- Trail
- Interstate Route
- U. S. Route
- State Route

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December 14, 1987

Carol D. Shull, Supervisory Historian
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
U. S. Department of the Interior
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, D. C. 20013-7127

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed are National Register of Historic Places nomination materials for the Manistee County Courthouse Fountain in Onekama, Michigan. I certify that the intent-to-nominate notification requirements have been fulfilled. This property is being submitted for listing in the National Register. No notarized statements of objection or written comments concerning this nomination were submitted to us prior to the submission of this nomination to you.

Please direct all questions concerning this nomination to Robert O. Christensen (517) 335-2719.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha M. Bigelow".

Martha M. Bigelow, Director
Bureau of History
and
Michigan State Historic Preservation Officer



INSTRUCTIONS FOR MONITORING FORM

Without reference to the property report, complete blanks for data elements that do not have asteriks.

Looking at the property report, enter a checkmark in the blanks which do have asteriks (*) if the information has been properly entered into the data base. If the information is not correct, do not enter a check and circle the data element number on the monitoring form.

Compare the monitoring form to the property report to determine if there are discrepancies between the two. Circle the numbers of the data element entries that do not agree on the monitoring form.

Put the nomination folder with the Substantive Monitoring Form and the property report into the problem box. If there are no discrepancies between the Substantive Monitoring Form and the property report, return both to the data collector.

Monitor Miller Date _____

Data Collector Barrett Corrections Made _____

*01. Reference Number _____
 01a. Control No. _____ ()
 *02. Resource Name Manistee County Courthouse Fountain
 *03. Other Name/Site Number Memorial Fountain

04. Address/Boundary _____ ()
 05. City Name _____ () *05a. Vicinity _____ *06. Restricted Address _____
 *07. State Code _____ *08. County Code _____ (County name _____)

*09. Ownership: _____ Private _____ Public (Local) _____ Public (State) _____ Public (Federal)

*10. Resource Type _____ (B, D, S, U, O)	*11. No. of Contributing	Non-contributing
	Buildings _____	Buildings _____
	Sites _____	Sites _____
	Structures _____	Structures _____
	Objects _____	Objects _____

*12. Federal Agency _____

*13. Nom/Det Type _____ *14. Multiple Name _____ (*)

*15. Nominator _____ State _____ Federal _____ Local _____ Other _____ *16. Nom. Name/Designations _____

*17. NPS Park Name _____ *18. New Certification _____ *18a. Certification Date _____

