

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Harris Hall

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number 617 East Huron Street N/A not for publication

city, town Ann Arbor N/A vicinity of congressional district 2nd

state Michigan code 026 county Washtenaw code 161

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Buckheim and Rowland, Inc.

street & number 617 East Huron Street

city, town Ann Arbor N/A vicinity of state Michigan

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washtenaw County Register of Deeds

street & number Washtenaw County Building

city, town Ann Arbor state Michigan

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Michigan State Survey Data has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records Michigan History Division

city, town Lansing state Michigan

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Harris Hall is located at the northwest corner of Huron and State streets, opposite the northwest corner of the central main campus of the University of Michigan. Constructed in 1886, the building is a two-and-a-half-story, gable-roofed structure, fifty feet by eighty-eight feet in size. Standing on a random-ashlar foundation, this red-brick structure is trimmed with simple, wooden, Queen Anne-style, bracket-supported eavesboards and with yellow-gray, stone string courses, doorway and window sills and lintels, and drip moldings over the brickwork arches crowning the windows. The recessed, arch-topped, spandrel panels above the first-floor windows and the entry portal gable are finished with red, molded, terra cotta work. In the second story, however, the arched panels above some of the windows have colored glass transom lights. The entry portal, protecting a flight of limestone steps running up to the main entrance, is a projecting, gable-roofed structure containing a broad arch crowned by a stone drip molding and flanked by buttressed walls; the portal's rounded flanking walls and carved stone capitals are suggestive of Romanesque columns.

Originally constructed to house parish and student social, cultural, and recreational activities, Harris Hall was rehabilitated in 1980 and now contains office space. The structure has three floors. The basement, which contained a gymnasium, bowling alley, and billiard room, along with coal and boiler rooms, has been remodelled to house offices. The main floor was and is divided into two parts by a corridor running from front to back. Finished in northern Maple, including a three-and-a-half-foot high tongue-and-groove dado all around, the main floor had men's and women's parlors -- each containing a fireplace with an oak mantelpiece -- on the right-hand or east side. On the west side there was a library and, connected to it by double doors, a parlor/dining room and kitchen. These rooms have been somewhat altered in the process of conversion to office space, but retain much of their original trim, including the two mantelpieces. The stair hall, located at the southwest corner, remains intact; it has a fine, U-shaped staircase with a delightfully ornamental pierced, slatwork railing.

The upper level contained the stair hall (still intact) at the southwest corner and a room for the "curator" at the southeast corner. The curator's room, containing a third fireplace, has been little altered and is now used as a waiting room for the advertising agency which occupies the entire floor. Between these spaces was a lobby and, back of it, occupying the rest of the floor, an auditorium, seventy-six feet by fifty-three feet in size and entered through two sets of double doors. The auditorium was equipped with a twenty-two-foot-wide stage -- the segmental-arch proscenium displaying another drip molding -- at its north end and folding opera chair seats. In the process of conversion to office use, while the seating was removed, few other substantive, non-reversible changes were made. The only significant alteration was the partitioning of the floor space into low-walled offices along the side walls and on the stage (the stage floor and proscenium remain intact) and into work stations in the center. The dado and other wooden trim and the original ceiling have also been retained. Of tongue-and-groove-board construction, the ceiling has sloping side sections against the east and west walls and a flat central portion. Three deep, timberwork trusses of mildly Gothic inspiration span the room, sweeping in great arcs from simple corbel brackets on either side wall.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1886-87 **Builder/Architect** Gordon W. Lloyd, architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Built in 1886 for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to serve as a parish house and student center for University of Michigan students, Harris Hall is significant as an important center of University of Michigan and Ann Arbor social and cultural life in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Harris Hall is also important in architectural terms as a large and well designed Late Victorian structure -- notable for its picturesque massing and eclectic Queen Anne, Richardsonian Romanesque, and Gothic detailing in stone and terra cotta -- and as a major work by Detroit architect Gordon W. Lloyd, one of the leaders of the profession in Michigan in the late nineteenth century.

Harris Hall was the brainchild of the Right Reverend Samuel Smith Harris, Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan. Bishop Harris, caught up in the controversy of the time over Darwin's theories and believing that open discussion would demonstrate the fundamental compatibility of Christianity and science, conceived the idea of constructing a forum for such discussions in Ann Arbor, the seat of Michigan's oldest and largest university. The Bishop and St. Andrew's, the episcopal parish in Ann Arbor, began raising funds in 1883; in 1887 the building -- named Hobart Hall in honor of the Rev. John Henry Hobart, the first Episcopal bishop, whose diocese included Michigan -- was completed. Renamed in 1888 in honor of the then recently deceased Bishop Harris, Harris Hall contained what was probably the largest and best-equipped auditorium in Ann Arbor at the time of its construction. It was used for lectures, concerts, and all other "edifying" forms of entertainment and served not only the university but the Ann Arbor community at large. A multi-purpose structure, the building also contained a gymnasium, bowling alley, and billiard room for the use of students and parish house facilities for St. Andrew's Church.

Harris Hall continued to serve its original purpose until 1943. From 1943 to 1946 it housed a U.S.O. for servicemen undergoing military training at the University of Michigan. The university leased it from 1946 to 1974 as the headquarters for the Band and Wind Instrument departments. Since 1974, when St. Andrew's sold the structure, Harris Hall has been used for office purposes.

The architect of Harris Hall was Gordon W. Lloyd. Born and trained in England, Lloyd (1832-1904) was working in Detroit by the early 1860s. Best known in Michigan for the Gothic Revival churches he designed for many parishes across southern Michigan, Lloyd also planned several buildings for the University of Michigan, including the 1879 heating plant and the 1886-87 Anatomical Laboratory and Engineering Building Annex.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Donald M. Walzer, Harris Hall at Ann Arbor, Michigan. University of Michigan thesis, April, 1940.
The Michigan Alumnus, May 25, 1946, p. 389. U of M
Hobart Guild Scrapbook, Michigan Historical Collections, Bentley Library,

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property Less than one acre

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Ann Arbor East

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

UTM NOT VERIFIED

A	<u>1</u> <u>7</u>	<u>2</u> <u>7</u> <u>39</u> <u>70</u>	<u>46</u> <u>8</u> <u>44</u> <u>5</u> <u>0</u>	B					
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing		
C				D					
E				F					
G				H					

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 14, Assessor's Plat No. 8. This is all the property associated with Harris Hall.

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

state	<u>N/A</u>	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Robert O. Christensen, Historic Preservation Coordinator

organization Michigan History Division date March, 1981

street & number 208 N. Capitol Ave. telephone 517/373-0510

city or town Lansing state Michigan

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Martha M. Bigelow

title Director, Michigan History Division date 3/3/82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 4/22/82

for Delores Byer
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: HARRIS Hall
State, County: ME, Washtenaw
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 3-23-82-834

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83

Date Due: 4/27/82 - 5/7/82

Action: ACCEPT 4/27/82

Entered in the _____
National Register _____

RETURN

REJECT

photos

maps

- 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"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
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		<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMIT 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: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: _____
State, County: _____
Federal Agency: _____

_____ resubmission
_____ nomination by person or local government
_____ owner objection
_____ appeal
Substantive Review: _____
Reviewer's comments: _____

1. Name _____

2. Location _____

3. Classification _____

4. Owner of Property _____

5. Location of Legal Description _____

6. Representation in Existing Surveys _____

7. Description _____

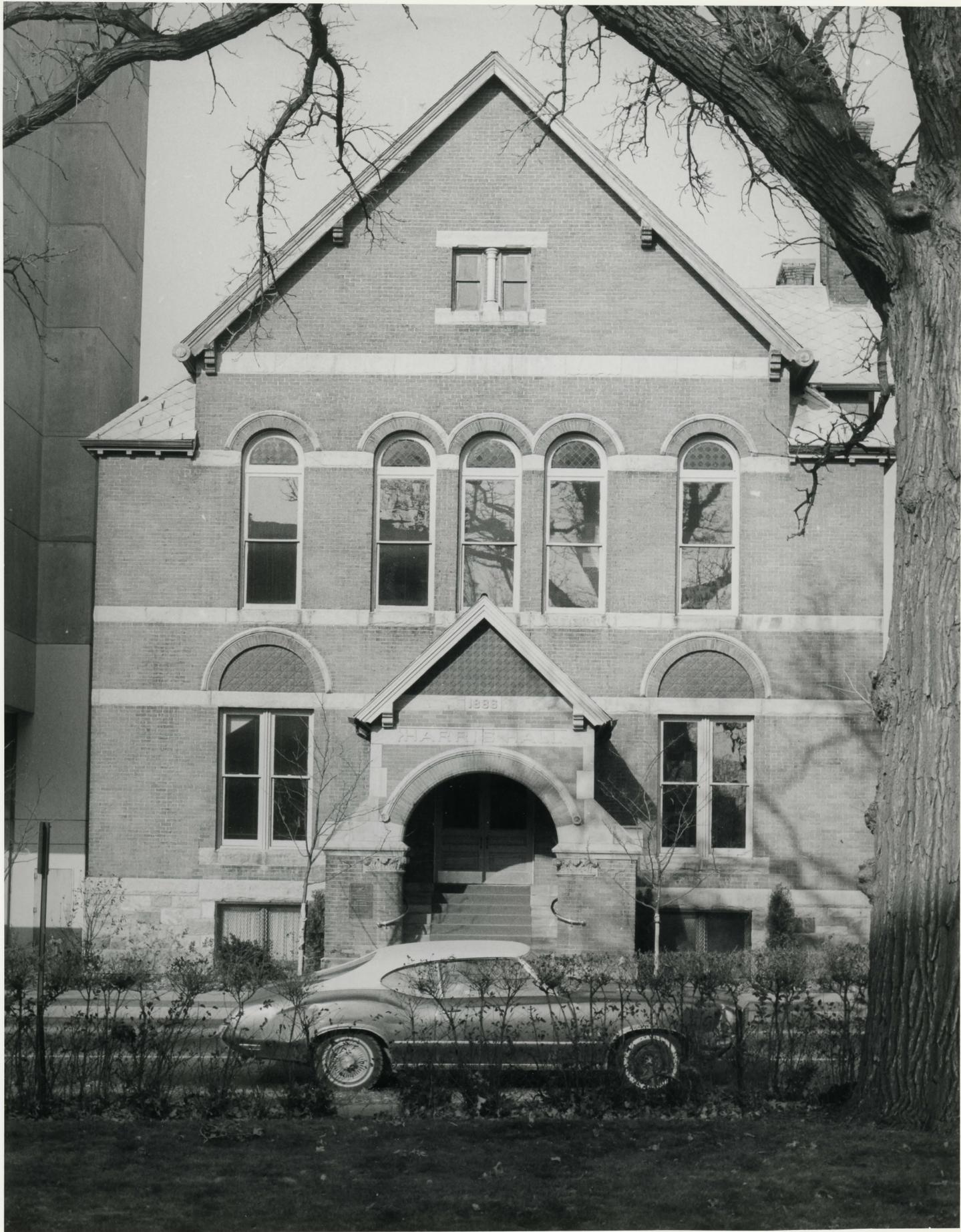
Phone: 202 272-3504



Harris Hall
Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Co.,
Michigan

Mark Paris Nov., 1980
Neg: Hermann & Holman, Inc.
210 E. Huron
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Exterior from the SE
Photo 1 of 4



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Exterior from the south
Photo 2 of 4



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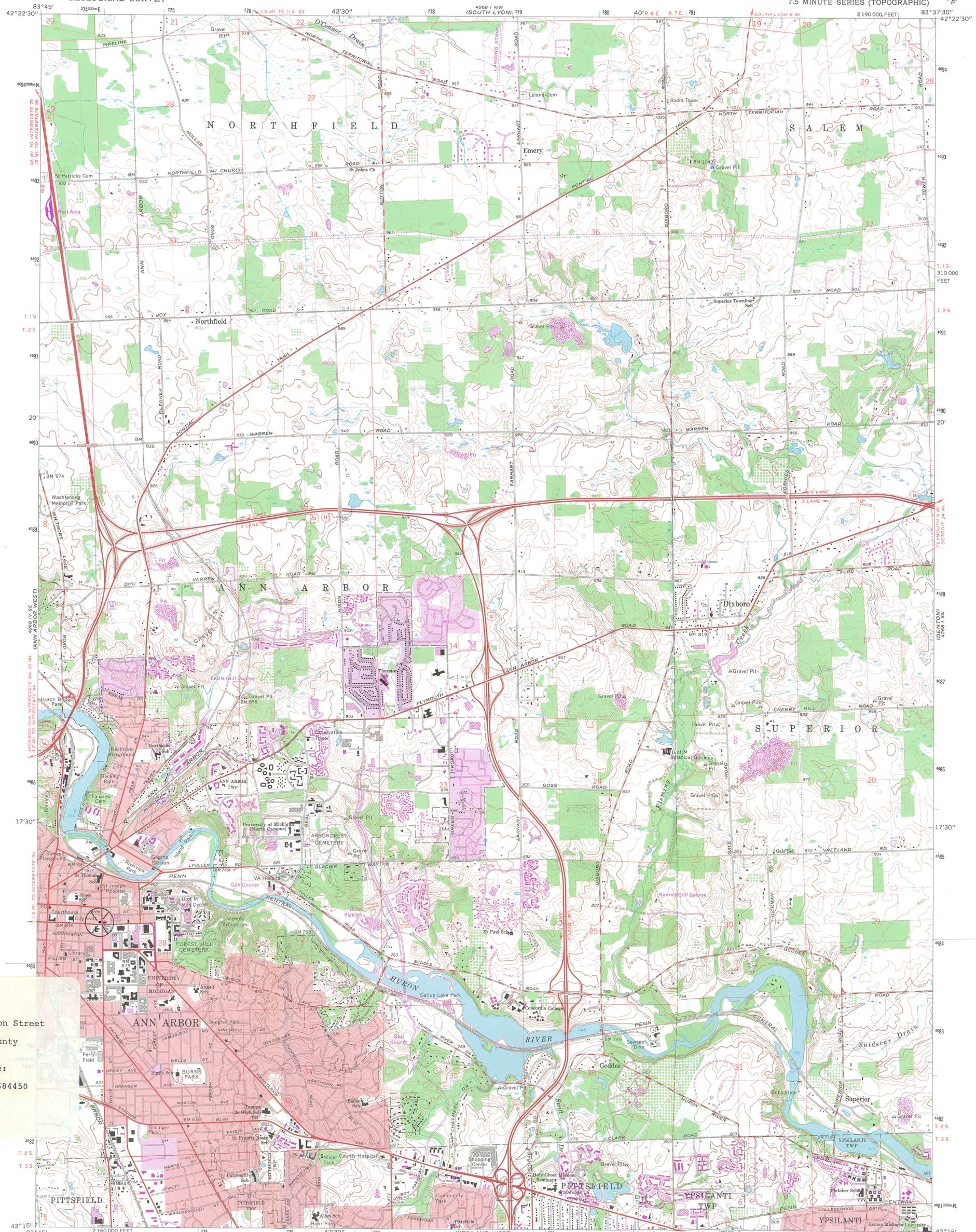
Stairhall, 1st floor
Photo 3 of 4



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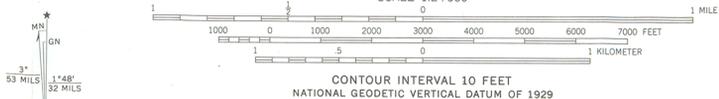
Auditorium interior
Photo 4 of 4



Harris Hall
617 East Huron Street
Ann Arbor
Washtenaw County
Michigan

UTM Reference:
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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1963-64. Field checked 1965
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Michigan coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 17, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983
move the projection lines 5 meters west as shown by
dashed corner ticks
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1973. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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No major culture or drainage changes observed

ANN ARBOR EAST, MICH.
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March 5, 1982

Ms. Carol D. Shull, Acting Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
440 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed are National Register nomination materials for Harris Hall in Ann Arbor, 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 waiver-of-right-to-object forms, notarized statements of objection, or written comments concerning this property were submitted to us during the commenting period.

Please direct all questions concerning this nomination to Robert O. Christensen, Regional Historic Preservation Coordinator (517/373-0510).

Sincerely,

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

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

MMB:ROC:mjr

enc.



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

STATE MICHIGAN

Date Entered APRIL 22, 1982

Name

Location

✓ Harris Hall

Ann Arbor
Washtenaw County

Baker, Henry W., House

Plymouth
Wayne County

Thomas, Dr. Nathan M., House

Schoolcraft
Kalamazoo County

Notified

Honorable Carl D. Pursell
Honorable Howard E. Wolpe
Honorable Donald W. Riegler, Jr.
Honorable Carl Levin

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Dr. Martha Bigelow
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Lansing, Michigan 48918

Midwest Regional Office, NPS