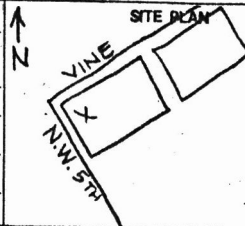


STATE OF INDIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
INDIANA HISTORIC SITES AND STRUCTURES INVENTORY

1. HISTORIC NAME  
2. OWNERSHIP: PUBLIC ☒ PRIVATE  
NAME Indiana Bell Telephone Co  
ADDRESS  
3. LOCATION NOTES Eastern Enlg. Block 32, lots 1-3  
4. VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY: ☒ YES ☐ NO (20-36-1)



5. USE PRESENT PAST 6. CATEGORY 8. ENDANGERED  
Residential (sing.) ☐ ☐ DISTRICT ☒ NO  
Residential (mult.) ☐ ☐ ☒ BUILDING(S) YES/BY WHAT  
Commerce ☐ ☐ STRUCTURE  
Industrial ☐ ☐ SITE  
Agriculture ☐ ☐ OBJECT  
Transportation  
Organization  
Military  
Political  
Unknown  
Vacant  
Other PHONE CO. ☒ ☒ ☒ NO  
7. ACCESSIBLE 9. DATE 1929  
YES/RESTRICTED 10. ARCHITECT/BUILDER  
YES/UNRESTRICTED VONNEGUT, BOHNE  
MUELLER, INDIANAPOLIS

11. PERIODS: PREHISTORIC 17TH/18TH CEN. 1800-1860 1861-1899 ☒ 1900-PRESENT

12. AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE

<input type="checkbox"/> Archeology-Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> Archeology-Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Economics	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration/Settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Politics/Government	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Community Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	

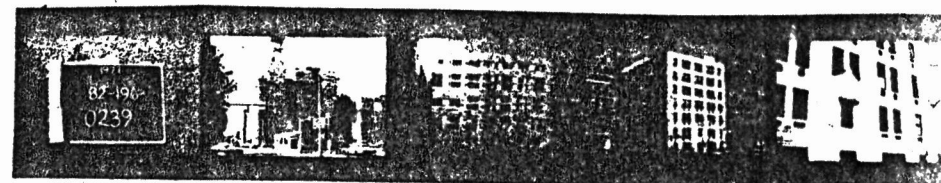
13. STYLE 14. CONDITION 16. SITE INTEGRITY  
☐ Federal ☒ EXCELLENT ☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ Greek Revival ☐ GOOD MOVED DATE  
☐ Gothic Revival ☐ FAIR  
☐ Italianate ☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ Second Empire ☐ RUINS  
☐ Stick Style/Eastlake ☐ UNEXPOSED ☒ YES NEWER  
☐ Queen Anne ☐ NO ATTACHED BUILDING  
☐ Romanesque Revival  
☐ Colonial Revival  
☐ Neo-Classical  
☐ Bungalow  
☐ Vernacular  
Other (Specify) ART DECO ☒ MAJOR

15. ALTERATIONS 18. IN ESTABLISHED HISTORIC DISTRICT  
☐ UNALTERED ☒ NO  
☐ MINOR YES/NAME  
Other (Specify) ART DECO ☒ MAJOR

19. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT (NATURAL AND MAN-MADE) DOWNTOWN, NEAR OLD COURTHOUSE. UPPER STORIES A LATER ADDITION.

20. INFORMATION SOURCES TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR, CITY DIRECTORIES, OLD PHOTO

21. PREPARED BY N. LONG 22. DATE 8/78



- 6.
- 7.
8. THREE IMPORTANT
9. ONE OF THE ART DECO BLDGS. IN DOWNTOWN
10. VERTICAL DETAILING ENDS AT TOP FLOOR WINDOWS;
11. TOP OF BLDG. IS HORIZONTAL AND PLAIN.
12. DECORATIVE DETAIL IN LIMESTONE IS CONFINED TO
13. FORMER MAIN ENTRANCE AND BETWEEN FIRST &
14. SECOND FLOORS
15. PATTERNED GRILL BELOW 2nd, 3rd, & 4th FLOOR WINDOWS
16. BUILDING IS 7 STORIES, LIMESTONE W/ GRANITE
17. HALFWAY UP FIRST FLOOR ON FACADE AND VINE ST.
18. SIDE. BODY IS YELLOW BRICK.
19. MAIN ENTRANCE & 1st FLOOR WINDOWS HAVE BEEN
20. SUBSTANTIALLY ALTERED
21. MAIN ENTRANCE FEATURES DECORATIVE DETAILING IN
22. LOW RELIEF IN STONE, W/ FLORAL MOTIF, CHEVRONS.
23. UPPER STORIES ARE LATER ADDITION.
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Architectural Information

DESCRIPTION

CLASSIFICATION/DATE

IDENTIFICATION

C. NUMBER 82-196-0239

B. COUNTY Vanderburgh

A. NAME INDIANA BELL

D. ADDRESS 129-133 N. W. Fifth Street

E. TOWN/CITY Evansville

F. QUAD SHEET Evansville South

G. SITE ☒ STRUCTURE ☐ 16 449840 4202850

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Historical Information

A. NAME Indiana Bell Building C. NUMBER 82-196-0239

B. ADDRESS 129-33 NW Fifth Street

D. UTM References 16 449840 4202850

E. Architects Vonnegut, Bohn, and Mueller created one of Evansville's finest Art Deco buildings with their 1929 design for Indiana Bell Telephone. The Indianapolis firm produced plans for a smaller building than what can be seen today, the changes being the result of numerous sympathetic enlargements and additions over the years. It goes without saying that the occupant of the building has had a tremendous impact on the life of the community, not only because of the service they provide, but also as a responsible corporate citizen.

F. INFORMATION SOURCES City Directories; Interview with Building Manager.

G. PREPARED BY Douglas L. Stern H. DATE 27 January 1982

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park ServiceEVALUATION / RETURN SHEET Downtown Evansville MRAProperty: Indiana Bell Building  
State, County: IN, Vanderburgh  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_Working No. 562082-1506Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83Date Due: 6/17/82 - 7/4/82Action: ☒ ACCEPT 7/1/82☐ RETURN \_\_\_\_\_☐ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_Entered in the  
National Register  
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 sheetNomination returned for: ☒ technical corrections cited below  
☐ substantive reasons discussed below1. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing SurveysHas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

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

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

*provide acreage*

Address of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

USFT 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Site \_\_\_\_\_

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



DOWNTOWN EVANSVILLE RESOURCES

Vanderburgh County, Indiana

N. Long, DMD 1977 *Indiana Bell*

view southeast of *Building*

*#44* 129-33 N.W. Fifth Street

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000186