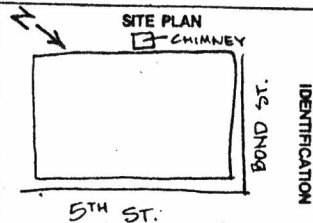


STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
INDIANA HISTORIC SITES AND STRUCTURES INVENTORY

1. HISTORIC NAME CHAS. LEICH & CO.
2. OWNERSHIP: PUBLIC ☒ PRIVATE
NAME Charles Leich & Co.
ADDRESS _____
3. LOCATION NOTES Stockwell's Enlg. Bldg. 10, Lrts
4. VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY: 1-4, 30-33 29-31-1
☒ YES ☐ NO



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 ☐ ☐ 7. ACCESSIBLE 9. DATE
Vacant ☐ ☐ ☒ YES/RESTRICTED 10. ARCHITECT/BUILDER
Other ☐ ☐ YES/UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Politics/Government	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion	
<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
☐ Queen Anne
☐ Romanesque Revival
☐ Colonial Revival
☐ Neo-Classical
☐ Bungalow
☐ Vernacular
☒ Other (Specify) N/A

15. ALTERATIONS 18. IN ESTABLISHED HISTORIC DISTRICT
☐ UNALTERED ☒ NO
☒ MINOR YES/NAME _____
☐ MAJOR

19. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT (NATURAL AND MAN-MADE) INDUSTRIAL BLDG. NEAR
DOWNTOWN. WHOLESALERS TO DRUG STORES.

20. INFORMATION SOURCES TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

21. PREPARED BY NANCY J. LONG 22. DATE 8/18/77

1. B RECTANGLE

2. F 4 STORIES

3. M 14 BAYS

4. C-5 COMMON BOND

5. D

6. L NONE

7. F NO PORCH

8. A UNKNOWN

9. J FLAT

10. C 5-STORY STACK, CORBELLED. NOT VISIBLY CONNECTED TO BLDG.

11. B BRICK

12. J NO DORMERS

13. P FLAT

14. H UNKNOWN

15. R NONE

16. I NONE

17. C-4 NONE

18. B-1 SEGMENTAL ARCH

19. E-1 RADIATING, 3 HEADER COURSES

20. A PLAIN

21. C BRICK

22. A STONE SILLS; 2 COURSES BRICK PROJECT ALONG SILL LINE

23. B DOUBLEHUNG

24. A-0/B-12

25. A SAME (SOME 1ST STORY 1/1 OR 0/BLIND PANEL)

26. B-2 RIGHT ENTRANCE

27. B-1 ARCHED

28. E-1 3 HEADER COURSES

29. A PLAIN SIDES

30. C BRICK

31. A-2 PLAIN W/ REVEAL

32. ALTERED

33.

34.

35. C UNKNOWN

Prior to being acquired by the company (1913), this building was the Evansville Woolen Mill Co. Its erection date is not known.

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Additional Architectural Information

A. NAME Charles Leich & Co. C. NUMBER 82-196-0246
B. ADDRESS 420 NW Fifth Street
D. UTM References 16 449610 4203120

E. The Charles Leich & Company is the only preserved component of what was originally the Evansville Woolen Mill factory complex. The site itself was first a locus for the Evansville textile industry when John W. Gruen made the shift from "cottage" weaver to textile manufacturer in 1865 and began producing an extensive line of loom products including "jeans, satinet, linsy, stocking yarn, blankets, flannel cloth, and etc." By 1873, the Gruen concern was merged with the Evansville Woolen Mill, an enterprise dating from 1870 which continued in operation at this location until the early 20th Century.

One section of the present Leich building is believed to have been constructed by the woolen mill proprietors in 1898, followed in the early 20th Century by a larger expansion addition. A depressed cotton market in the spring of 1911 precipitated the closing of many of the country's mills, and this national circumstance may also have had an adverse effect on the woolen mill's performance, for in July of the same year, the company went bankrupt and ceased operations.

The Leich company, forced to relocate after a fire destroyed their downtown pharmaceutical warerooms, purchased the old mill building in 1914 and engaged local architect Harry E. Boyle to remodel it to accommodate their wholesale operations. Essentially, the project entailed only interior alterations; the exterior of the building was little changed. During the Leich occupancy, the basic plan of the old mill structure has been kept intact. The preservation of the building and its association with an Evansville industry which historically made a substantial contribution to the city's economy advance the significance of the old mill block. Also, importance is derived from the fact that the building has served as base of operations for the Charles Leich & Company for sixty-eight years. The company, founded in 1856, is one of Indiana's oldest, and still active, wholesale drug concerns.

F. INFORMATION SOURCES City/Business Directories;

Building Permit Records; 1880 Atlas of Evansville and Vanderburgh County; Evansville Journal, 8 April 1911 and 5 July 1914.

G. PREPARED BY Joan C. Marchand H. DATE 19 January 1982

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

(Downtown Evansville MHA)

Property: Leich, Charles and Company
State, County: IN, Vanderburgh
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 528/82-1506
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83
Date Due: 6/17/82 - 7/4/82
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 7/1/82

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

Entered in the _____
National Register _____
photos _____
maps _____

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments: Report, returned at Chicago Nat Hist Conference

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"/> 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"/> 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

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS References _____

Provide a Change

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 *Leich, Chester
+ Co*

~~#53~~ view northwest of

#50 420 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