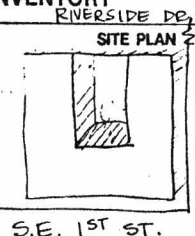


STATE OF INDIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
INDIANA HISTORIC SITES AND STRUCTURES INVENTORY

1. HISTORIC NAME McCurdy Hotel  
2. OWNERSHIP: PUBLIC ☒ PRIVATE ☐  
NAME MEDCO INC.  
ADDRESS 405 CARPENTER ST  
3. LOCATION NOTES O.P. 41-42, 7-8  
4. VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY: ☒ YES ☐ NO (20-5-3)



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 HOTEL ☐ ☒ NO  
7. ACCESSIBLE 9. DATE 1916-1917  
☒ YES/RESTRICTED 10. ARCHITECT/BUILDER  
☐ YES/UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

11. PERIODS: PREHISTORIC 17TH/18TH CEN. 1800-1880 1881-1890 ☒ 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Politics/Government	<u>HOTEL</u>
<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 ☒ NO  
☐ Stick Style/Eastlake UNEXPOSED YES  
☐ Queen Anne  
☐ Romanesque Revival  
☒ Colonial Revival  
☐ Neo-Classical  
☐ Bungalow  
☐ Vernacular  
☐ Other (Specify)  
15. ALTERATIONS 18. IN ESTABLISHED HISTORIC DISTRICT  
☐ UNALTERED ☒ NO  
☐ MINOR YES/NAME  
☒ MAJOR

19. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT (NATURAL AND MAN-MADE) ADJACENT TO RIVERSIDE HISTORIC DISTRICT AND DOWNTOWN. OCCUPIES PROMINENT SPOT NEAR RIVERFRONT. NOW A SENIOR CITIZENS RESIDENTIAL CENTER RUN BY MEDCO.

20. INFORMATION SOURCES TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR, CITY DIRECTORIES 1916-17 Newspapers

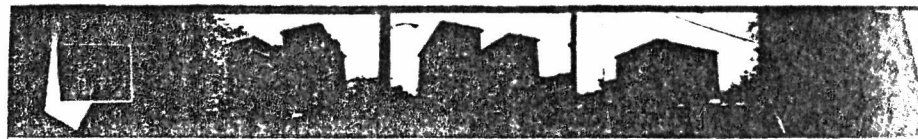
21. PREPARED BY N. LONG/W.M. GUMBERTS 22. DATE 10/27/77

CLASSIFICATION/DATE

SIGNIFICANCE

DESCRIPTION

Architectural Information



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- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
12. HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: USED TO BE A PROMINENT HOTEL
- 13.
14. ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: FIRST FLOOR ALTERED + HAS LARGE MARQUEES BUT ENGAGED STONE PIERS REMAIN. EIGHT STORIES HIGH AND BASICALLY U-SHAPED IN PLAN, IT IS OF TEXTURED RED BRICK IN STRETCHER BOND WITH PINK MORTAR, AND LIMESTONE TRIM. STONE BELT COURSE ABOVE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> FLOORS. MASSIVE BRACKETED CORNICE. SECOND FLOOR WINDOWS FRAMED IN STONE W/ KEYSTONE FORMS. STONE BALUSTRADED FALSE BALCONY OVER ENTRANCE AT 2<sup>ND</sup> + 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR LEVELS. SOME WINDOWS HAVE STONE TABS ON SIDE FACING RIVER, PLAN IS U-SHAPED ABOVE 1<sup>ST</sup> TWO FLOORS. MASSIVE ONE-STORY STONE PORCH, PART OF IT ENCLOSED, FORMS ENTRANCE. HAS GREEN CANVAS AWNING AND BALUSTRADED ROOF LINE. BALCONY FORMS APPEAR ON ONE SIDE, FIRE STAIRS ON THE OTHER. OVAL FORMS APPEAR ABOVE STONE BRACKETS OF CORNICE, APPARENTLY METAL. PARKING LOT BETWEEN HOTEL AND RIVERSIDE DRIVE.
- 29.

The former McCurdy Hotel was designed by H. Ziegler Dietz. It is now a residential hotel run by Medco, Inc., a health nursing concern. The Caldwell-Marshall Company of (Indianapolis ? or St. Louis ?) erected the building for the Van Orman Hotel Company, a corporation controlled by Fred Van Orman, George Caldwell, Clinton Marshall and F. Harold Van Orman. (See also Downtown Evansville guide book.)

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Additional Architectural Information

A. NAME McCurdy Hotel C. NUMBER 82-196-0179

B. ADDRESS 101-111 SE First Street

D. UTM References 16 449610 4202310

E. Construction of this Colonial Revival landmark was an event linked to the completion of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Coliseum. Both buildings were ready for occupancy in 1917; the Coliseum as the city's first major public gathering place and the McCurdy as "convention headquarters in Evansville." St. Louis architect H. Ziegler Dietz drew up the plans for the hotel, and the building soon became part of the system of hotels managed by the Van Orman family. The McCurdy was one of three large pre-Depression hotels erected in the Downtown; the Hotel Sonntag remains, and the Hotel Vendome is long-gone. The McCurdy replaced another hotel on the site, the St. George, which was not more than a generation old when razed.

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F. INFORMATION SOURCES Evansville Courier, 4 October 1915 - 26 June 1917.  
Wesley Index of Architectural Plans. Evansville City Directories.

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G. PREPARED BY Douglas L. Stern H. DATE 23 November 1981

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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

## EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: McCurdy Hotel (Downtown Evansville MRA)  
State, County: IN, Vanderburgh  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Working No. 560/82-1506  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83  
Date Due: 6/17/82 - 7/4/82  
Action: ACCEPT 7/1/82  
Entered in the \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
REJECT \_\_\_\_\_

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

photos \_\_\_\_\_  
maps \_\_\_\_\_

Substantive Review: \_\_\_\_\_ sample \_\_\_\_\_ request \_\_\_\_\_ appeal \_\_\_\_\_ NR decision

Reviewer's comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: 1 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
_____ excellent	_____ deteriorated	_____ unaltered	_____ original site
_____ good	_____ ruins	_____ altered	_____ moved
_____ fair	_____ unexposed		_____ 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

Location of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

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

USGS References \_\_\_\_\_

*need survey*

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

#1: view southeast of 101-11

S.E. First Street

*McCurdy Hotel*

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000186