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(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Indiana
COUNTY:	Vanderburgh
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
70.9.13.0002	9/4

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Vanderburgh County Courthouse

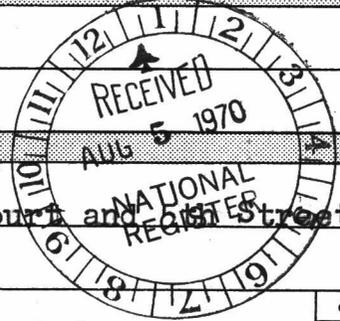
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Same as above

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Whole City Block bounded by Vine, 4th, Court and Main Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Evansville

STATE: Indiana CODE: 13 COUNTY: Vanderburgh CODE: 163



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public* <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both * Leased to Foundation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Cultural Center</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Vanderburgh County Commissioners

STREET AND NUMBER:
City-County Building, 8th and Main Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Evansville STATE: Indiana CODE: 13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Same as above

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE: 13

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
No known existing survey

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Vanderburgh County Courthouse is a baroque style building of Indiana Limestone. Since it was sand-blasted and painted about eight years ago, it is in excellent condition, particularly the exterior. The interior has been well but not beautifully maintained and would require some repairs to plaster ceilings and refinishing of woodwork and walls. It was, however, used until May, 1969 as the seat of County Government and is in quite habitable condition.

Designed by Henry Wolters of Louisville, Kentucky, the Courthouse is symetrically balanced in the classic sense. The main building is a long, rectangular structure with a broad pavillion projecting perpendicularly from each of the long sides, with a soaring dome erected on the roof at the crossing point of the pavillions and the axis of the main building. The decoration is in symetrically organized patterns of high complexity, rusticated stones alternating with smooth ones. At the third story level are cartouche type windows surrounded by elaborate scroll designs. Along the cornice-line a marble balustrade railing encircles the entire building, interrupted only by segmental pediments placed one at each end of the main building and capped by over-life sized statuary by Franz Engelsmann, a pupil of Augustus St. Gaudens. Four bulging bays located near the corners of the structure are topped by hemispherical domes which emphasize the symetrical balance and call attention to the doorways, which are approached by long, imposing stairs.

The interior of the building is paved with marble in the principal hallways and the walls of the main and second floors are lined with Tennessee marble panels. Elaborate ironwork guard rails are a feature of the Rotunda on each floor and the stair rails are of wrought iron as well. The central dome of the Rotunda rises to a coffered, rounded ceiling visible from below from all three floors. The Rotunda has on each floor niches and lunettes which it has been proposed that local artists treat with sculptures and murals. There are several large court rooms going through two floors, with handsome baroque plaster ceilings and wall decorations. The original judge's benches, jury boxes and railings of carved walnut are still in place. The interior construction of the upper portion of the dome rising above the clock mechanism is a masterpiece of the bricklayer's art, with bricks baked to order, rounded to fit into the curved surfaces of the dome. The brickwork is supported by a spider-web-like framework of bent iron bars. The sub-basement and foundations are extremely massive, with limestone chunks 5 x 5 feet square, still showing drill marks where they were blasted out of the quarry. A tunnel leads under 4th Street to the County Jail across the street and also conducts the heating pipes from the power plant behind the Jail building.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Cornerstone 11/27/88; completed 1891

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Vanderburgh County Courthouse served for 78 years as the seat of County Government for Evansville and Vanderburgh County. It cannot boast of any great historical decision like the Dred Scott case or of any specific memorable event. Many candidates for State and National office appeared on its steps to address the public, including many Presidential candidates, both successful and unsuccessful.

Of some historic interest is the fact that the Courthouse occupies the site of the former turnaround basin of the Wabash and Erie Canal, completed in 1853 but having a brief life until only 1865 because of the overwhelming competition of the railroads, which took all of the canal business. The disastrous failure of the canal project bankrupted the State of Indiana and caused it to adopt the very conservative fiscal policies which persist to this day.

The main significance of this Courthouse for the State and Nation would be its grandeur as a masterpiece of architecture of its period - a remarkably pure and "uncluttered" example of the ostentatious "Neo-Baroque" style which our towns adopted in the post-Civil War Victorian period to express their civic pride and image of success and prosperity.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Architectural Heritage of Evansville" by Howard E. Wooden
Published by the Evansville Museum of Arts and Sciences

"The Evansville Story" by Dr. James E. Morlock 1956
Professor at the University of Evansville



10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "	0		
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "	37	58	25
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "	87	33	59
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "			

NO UTM
CX

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2.15 Acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Indiana	13	Vanderburgh	163
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
None overlapping			
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Alexander L. Leich, President

ORGANIZATION: **Conrad Baker Foundation** DATE: **February 18, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Old Vanderburgh County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: **Evansville** STATE: **Indiana 47708** CODE: **32**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local ^{MS 21 123}

Name *John R. Rloyd*

Title *Dir of Nat. Resources*

Date *8-3-70*

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

Arnet Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date *SEP 4 1970*

ATTEST:

William J. Mantoy
Keeper of The National Register

Date *AUG 20 1970*



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

Additional Architectural Information

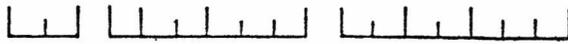
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C. NUMBER 82-196-18-0136

B. ADDRESS 401 COURT STREET

D. UTM References



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E. WINDOWS ON THE END PAVILLIONS ARE ARTICULATED AS ROUND ORNAMENTED LUNETTES (PAINTED OUT) THAT OPEN INTO THE TWO-STORY COURTROOMS. CAPITALS ON THE COLUMNS EMPLOY FLORAL MOTIFS, WHEREAS THOSE ON PILASTERS EXHIBIT FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, WITH NO TWO ALIKE.

ABOVE THIS IS ANOTHER ENTABLATURE, WITH PLAIN FRIEZE AND DENTIL MOLDING, AND A BALUSTRADE. FREE-STANDING SCULPTURES APPEAR ABOVE THE SEGMENTALLY ARCHED SIDE ENTRANCES THAT CARRY THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF INDIANA. OVER-LIFE SIZED FIGURES ALSO GRACE THE VINE AND COURT STREET ENTRANCES, BENEATH AN EAGLE AND FLANKING A BAS-RELIEF PANEL. SCULPTURE WAS DONE ON THE SITE BY FRANZ ENGELSMANN, A STUDENT OF THE FAMOUS AUGUSTUS SAINT-GAUDENS, AND HIS CREW.

THE CENTRAL DOME AND CUPOLA REST ON A DRUM THAT EMPLOYS GROUPED COLUMNS AND ARCHED WINDOWS. ALL DOMES ARE COPPER-COVERED, STEEL-RIBBED STRUCTURES FILLED IN WITH MOLDED "TERRA COTTA LUMBER", A COMPOSITION OF CLAY AND SAWDUST. THE STEEL-BEAMED ROOF IS COVERED IN GRAY SLATE.

THE INTERIOR OF THE BUILDING IS APPROACHED BY FOUR MAJOR STAIRWAYS, EACH WITH MONUMENTAL STONE HANDRAILS AND NEWEL POSTS THAT ONCE SUPPORTED ELABORATE LIGHT FIXTURES. HALLWAY FLOORS ARE OF MARBLE, AND WAINSCOTING IS OF ETTAWA PINK MARBLE FROM GEORGIA. MOST WOODWORK IS OAK. OTHER INTERIOR FEATURES INCLUDE BRASS HARDWARE AND HANDRAILS, IRON RAILINGS, FOUR FULL-HEIGHT LIGHT SHAFTS, MOLDED PLASTER, AND MUCH OF THE ORIGINAL CARVED WOOD JUDGES' BENCHES, JURY BOXES AND RAILINGS. A CENTRAL FEATURE IS THE ROTUNDA, WHICH IS OPEN FROM THE

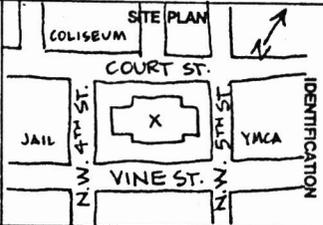
F. INFORMATION SOURCES VANDEBURGH COUNTY COURTHOUSE, EVANSVILLE, INDIANA, 1972.

G. PREPARED BY N. LONG

H. DATE 8/8/78

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

1. HISTORIC NAME Vanderburgh County Courthouse
2. OWNERSHIP: PUBLIC PRIVATE
NAME Conrad Baker Foundation
ADDRESS 201 N.W. Fourth Street
3. LOCATION NOTES
4. VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY: X 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 18910
Vacant YES/RESTRICTED 10. ARCHITECT/BUILDER
Other COURTHOUSE YES/UNRESTRICTED HENRY WOLTERS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

11. PERIODS: PREHISTORIC 17TH/18TH CEN. 1800-1890 X 1861-1899 1900-PRESENT

12. AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE
Archeology-Prehistoric Conservation Law Sculpture
Archeology-Historic Economics Literature Social/Humanitarian
Agriculture Education Military Theater
 Architecture Engineering Music Transportation
Art Exploration/Settlement Philosophy Other (Specify)
Commerce Industry Politics/Government
Communications Invention Religion
Community Planning Landscape Architecture Science

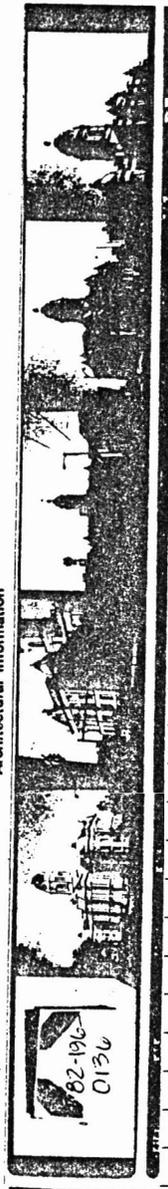
13. STYLE 14. CONDITION 16. SITE INTEGRITY
Federal EXCELLENT ORIGINAL SITE
Greek Revival GOOD MOVED DATE
Gothic Revival FAIR
Italianate DETERIORATED
Second Empire RUINS NO
Stick Style/Eastlake UNEXPOSED YES
Queen Anne
Romanesque Revival
Colonial Revival
Neo-Classical
Bungalow
Vernacular BEAUX ARTS 15. ALTERATIONS 18. IN ESTABLISHED HISTORIC DISTRICT
 Other (Specify) ARTS UNALTERED NO
MINOR YES/NAME
X MAJOR

17. OUTBUILDINGS/SECONDARY STRUCTURES
 NO
 YES
19. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT (NATURAL AND MAN-MADE) OCCUPIES ENTIRE BLOCK DOWNTOWN. ALSO ON THE SQUARE ARE THE OLD COUNTY JAIL, COLISEUM, LOCKYEAR BUSINESS COLLEGE, YMCA, AND COURT BUILDING.

20. INFORMATION SOURCES TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR; EVANSVILLE JOURNAL 11/27/1890; NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION FORM; A PICTORIAL STUDY OF THE OLD (cont'd)

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

Architectural Information



THE OLD VANDERBURGH COUNTY COURTHOUSE STANDS ON THE SITE OF THE FORMER TURN-ROUND BASIN OF THE WABASH AND ERIE CANAL. THE BEARING WALLS OF ^{brick faced with} INDIANA OOLITIC LIMESTONE STAND 3 STORIES HIGH, WITH AN ADDITIONAL ABOVE-GRADE BASEMENT AND A SUB-BASEMENT HOUSING MECHANICAL SYSTEMS. THE CROSS PLAN INCLUDES A LONG RECTANGLE INTERSECTED AT ITS CENTER BY A SHORTER RECTANGLE, WITH A DRUM, DOME, AND CUPOLA RESTING ON THE INTERSECTION. PAVILLIONS AT EACH END OF THE LONGER RECTANGLE HAVE DOMED SEMI-CIRCULAR BAYS ON EACH SIDE, AND ORIGINALLY CONTAINED COURTROOMS A FULL TWO STORIES IN HEIGHT. THESE FOUR COPPER SIDE DOMES ARE RIBBED, AND EACH HAS A CROWN-LIKE COPPER LANTERN. THESE PROJECTIONS AND PAVILLIONS—ALONG WITH A VARIETY OF TEXTURES AND EXUBERANT SCULPTED FORMS—USE SHADOW AND LIGHT IN A WAY THAT HAS PROMPTED SOME TO DESCRIBE THE STYLE AS BAROQUE, ALTHOUGH BEAUX ARTS WOULD BE MORE ACCURATE FOR THE PERIOD. THE BASEMENT EMPLOYS RUSTICATED LIMESTONE, AND THE FIRST STORY IS STRIATED WITH ALTERNATING ASHLAR AND RUSTICATED STONE, ENDING IN A CONTINUOUS ENTABLATURE WITH A PLAIN, WIDE FRIEZE, WHICH SERVES AS A WATER TABLE, AS WELL AS A SILL COURSE FOR THE SECOND FLOOR AND A STYLOBATE FOR CLUSTERED OR PAIRED TWO-STORY COLUMNS AND PILASTERS. THIRD STORY

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A. NAME OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE
B. COUNTY Vanderburgh
C. NUMBER 82-196-0136
D. ADDRESS 401 Court Street
E. TOWN/CITY Evansville
F. QUAD SHEET Evansville South
G. SITE X STRUCTURE
H. NHL X NR
I. UTM References CENSUS TRACT #18
J. HAER 16
K. HABS
L. 4202880
M. 449740

PROPERTY Old Vanderburgh County STATE Ind.

Courthouse

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REVIEW ok.

S.M.
8/5/70

HISTORIAN

ok Gamble
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ok Lavy
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ARCHITECT

OK

Chambers
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ok Wm
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ENTRY

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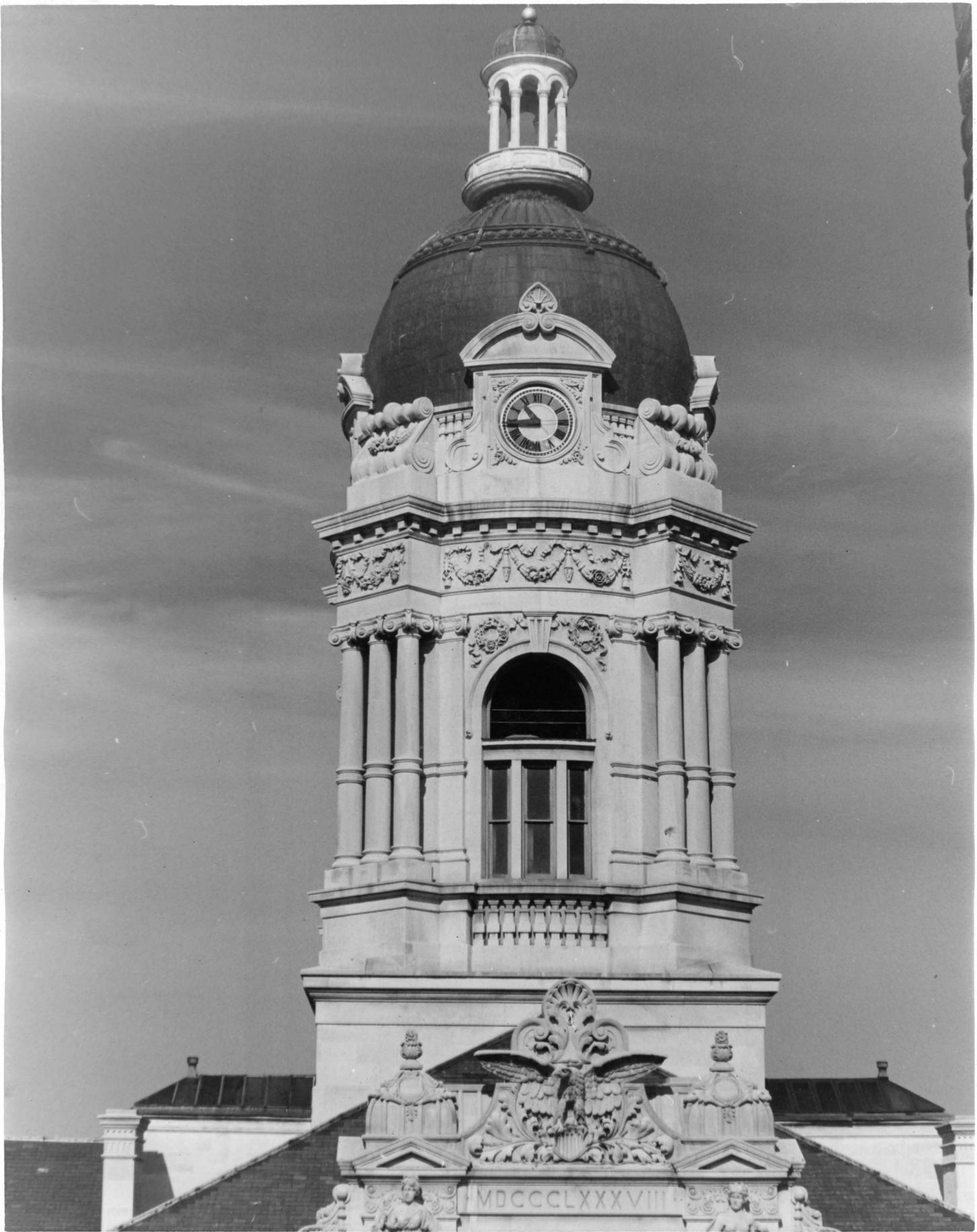
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Loc. Vanderburgh County, Ind.

View of Courthouse taken from
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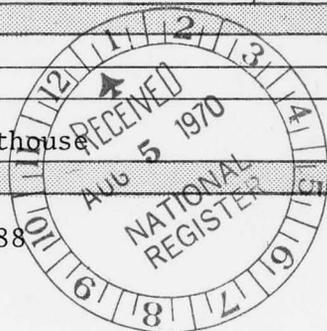
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4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Central Dome; cornerstone placed on November 27, 1888



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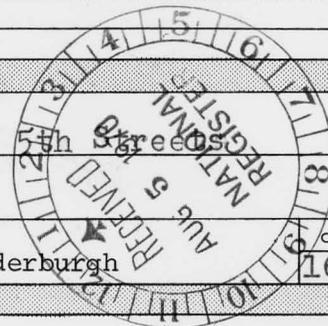
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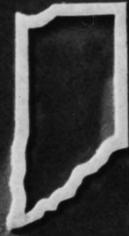
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South Pavillion and Central Dome, Old Vanderburgh County Courthouse



Loc. Van
South
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WABASH AND ERIE CANAL

Completed from Lake Erie to Evansville, 1853. Used till 1865. Passing from 5th St. to 1st Ave., canal widened into basin for docks covering part of this square.

INDIANA HISTORICAL BUREAU

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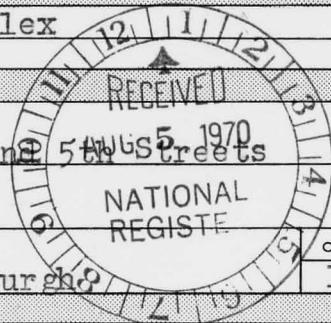
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4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. <u>Historical marker on lawn of Old Vanderburgh County Court- house concerning turn-around basin of Wabash and Erie Canal located on this site from 1853 to 1865.</u>			





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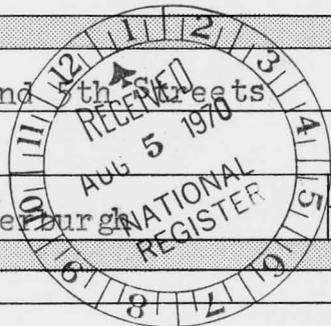
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4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. View of 1888 date marker (date cornerstone was laid) on South pediment of Old Vanderburgh County Courthouse. Work of Sculptor Franz Engelsmann, pupil of Augustus St. Gaudens			





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NPS Number 70-9-13-00
Title: Old Vanderburgh
Court House
Loc. Vanderburgh Co
Probate Court Room
original judge
and railing

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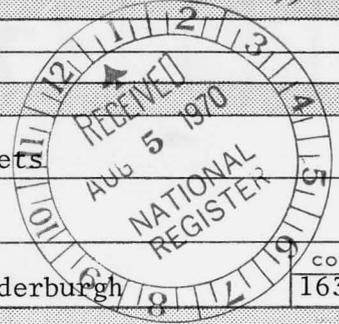
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Probate court room showing original judge's bench, jury box, and railing			





DOWNTOWN EVANSVILLE RESOURCES
Vanderburgh County, Indiana
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~~#70~~ view north of

401 Court Street

#66 *old county courthouse*

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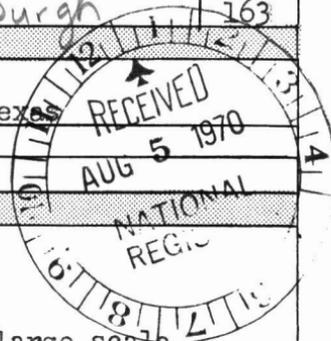
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Facts and Figures

SMSA (Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area): Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties, Indiana; and Henderson County, Kentucky.

POPULATION: Evansville 144,463 (6.9% non-white); Vanderburgh County 170,000; SMSA 235,000.

LOCATION: 165 miles south of Indianapolis, Indiana; 156 miles north of Nashville, Tennessee; 127 miles west of Louisville, Kentucky; 172 miles east of St. Louis, Missouri.

ALTITUDE: 385.5 feet above sea level.

CLIMATE: Mild. Mean annual temperature 56.9°. Average annual rainfall 42.1"; snow 10.1".

URBAN DATA

BUSINESS FIRMS (SMSA): Industrial 298; Retail 2,144; Wholesale 436; Selected Services 1,447.

CHURCHES: Protestant 247; Roman Catholic 20; Jewish 2.

EDUCATION: University of Evansville; Indiana State University Evansville Campus; 5 business and technical colleges; 9 high schools (Grades 9-12) enrollment 12,616; 61 elementary (Kindergarten through 8) enrollment 28,211.

FINANCE: 5 banks \$396,868,406 resources; 8 savings and loans \$287,189,339 resources.

GOVERNMENT: Elected Mayor and 9-member Council.

HIGHWAYS: U. S. 41-41A-460-641; Interstate 64 (under construction); Indiana 57-62-65-66-266-662.

HOSPITALS: 3 General-1330 beds; 1 State Mental-1150 beds.

HOTELS-MOTELS: 3 hotels, 22 motels—1,636 rooms.

INCOME (1960 census); median per family \$5299.

LABOR FORCE (Average 1967): 98,600; total employment 94,900; percent unemployed 3.4%.

NEWS MEDIA: Evansville Courier (morning); Evansville Press (evening); Evansville Sunday Courier-Press; 5 radio and 3 television stations.

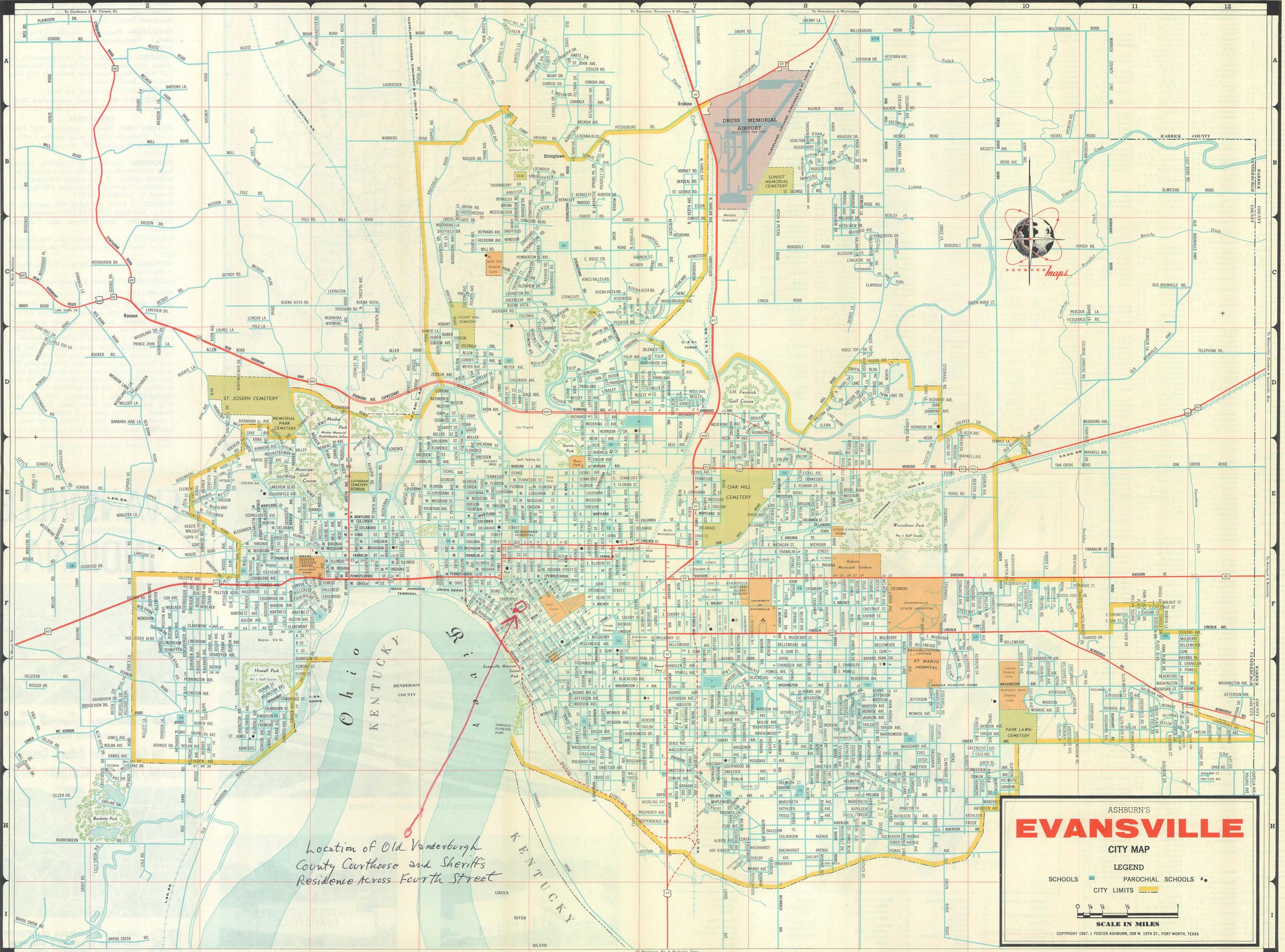
RECREATION-CULTURE: Museum of Arts and Sciences; Mesker Zoo; Philharmonic Orchestra; Broadway Theater League; Musicians Club concerts; 300 active clubs. Excellent parks and recreational facilities; boating; water skiing; fishing; hunting; trap shooting; harness and thoroughbred racing.

TRANSPORTATION: 5 railroads: C&E, IC, L&N, NYC, Southern; 3 Air Lines: Delta, Eastern, Lake Central; 22 motor carriers; 5 freight forwarders; 5 commercial barge lines; 5 interstate bus lines.

UTILITIES: Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company; Municipal Waterworks and Sewer Departments; Indiana Bell Telephone Company.

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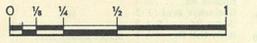
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Sheriff's Residence

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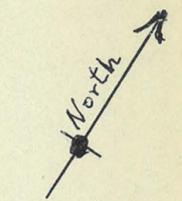
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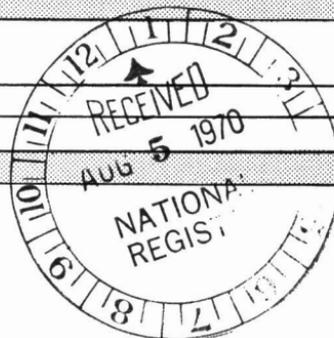
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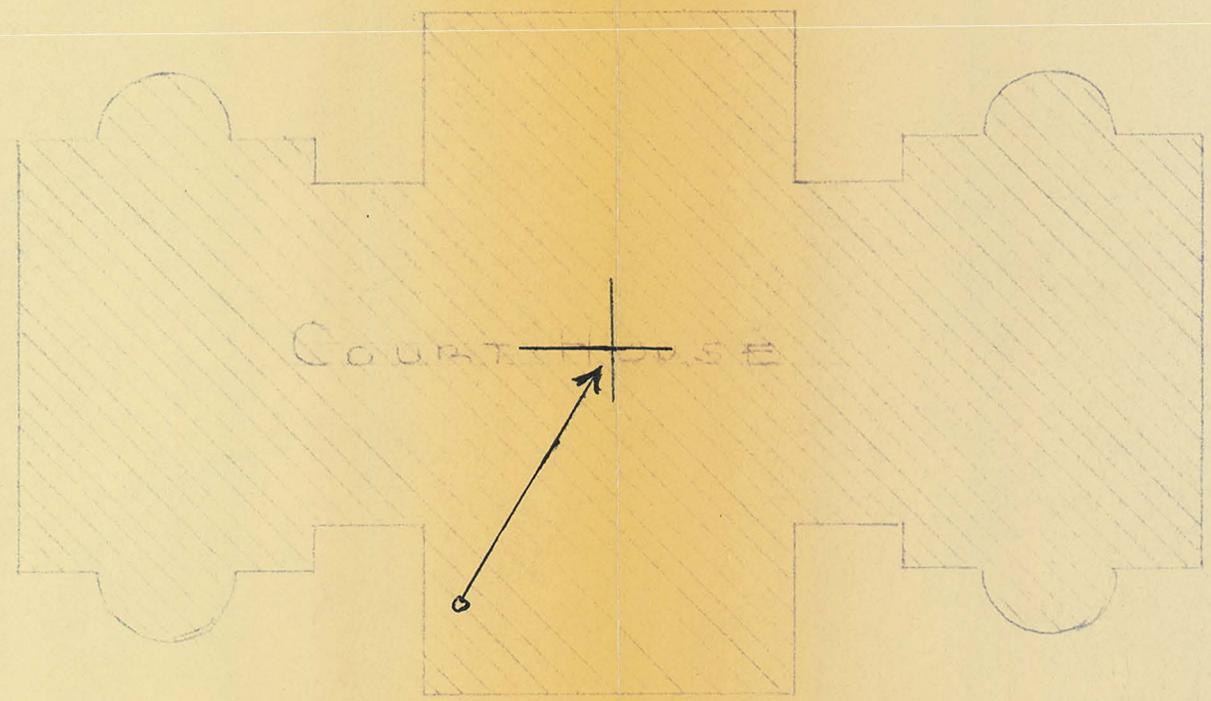


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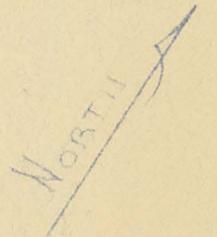
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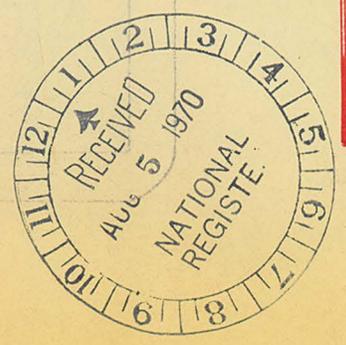
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Vanderburgh County Courthouse

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000186



The CONRAD BAKER FOUNDATION Inc.

Court Building Suite 502

Evansville Indiana 47708



28 October 1968

The Honorable Stewart L. Udall
Secretary of the Interior
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Conrad Baker Foundation was organized to secure a 99-year lease on the magnificent baroque Vanderburgh County Court House, which is soon to be vacated for a new civic complex which will house both the city and county governments.

We intend to use the building for housing cultural, humanitarian and educational agencies. The Evansville Museum is considering an expansion of some of its exhibits into the building. We are also hopeful that our Educational Television program will be housed there. The O.E.O. has already signed a lease for office space.

Our plans call for redecorating the building, installing modern plumbing and elevator facilities and creating up-to-date office space. Above all, our object is historic preservation and restoration of corridors, rotunda and court rooms to their original splendor. The building may well be the finest example of its kind in the state of Indiana, with the possible exception of the State House in Indianapolis.

Since the capital funds needed will be approximately \$550,000 we are exhausting every source of assistance. We wonder if you would be so kind as to advise us how this building might be declared a national monument and if any federal funds for historic preservation may be available.

I recall very well the day in August, 1965 when you were at New Harmony, thirty miles from here, to accept it as a national monument. Much good work has been done at New Harmony since then. The Opera House, now fully restored, will be dedicated on November 19 with Governor Branigin as master of ceremonies. The day is, in fact, being called "Branigin Day" because of the governor's deep personal interest in the restoration of New Harmony.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander L. Leich
President

Mrs. Gwendolyn Koch
Vice Pres.

Mrs. Adelyne Fuhrer
Secretary

Louis Ruthenburg
Treasurer

William C. Welborn
Legal Advisor

Richard H. Brennan
Administrator

Alexander L. Leich, President

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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Dear Mr. Leich:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of the Conrad Baker Foundation Inc. concerning historic preservation of the Vanderburgh County Court House at Evansville, Indiana. We were interested to learn of your plans for the building and are glad to answer the questions raised in your letter.

Historic sites and buildings established as units of the National Park System must be judged to possess national historical significance and to meet standards of suitability and feasibility for park purposes as well. Legislation in the Congress is ordinarily required to authorize the establishment of areas administered by the National Park Service.

The determination of national historical significance is made by the Secretary of the Interior under authority of the Historic Sites Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666). Such determinations are usually based on the recommendations of the Secretary's Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments. The criteria applied in making the determination are listed on pages 13-15 of the enclosed copy of "NPS Criteria for Parklands."

Your remark concerning the acceptance of New Harmony as a "national monument" indicates that there may be an understandable confusion in your mind with regard to that term. New Harmony is a National Historic Landmark, a designation that involves Federal recognition of its national historical significance but does not provide for Federal ownership or financial support.

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (P. L. 89-665) will eventually be a source of financial assistance for historic preservation projects. The law, which authorizes matching Federal grants for the acquisition and rehabilitation of historic properties,

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is described in the enclosed information sheet. The Congress has not yet funded P. L. 89-665 in accordance with the authorization, and only limited funds are available at present. Nevertheless, you may wish to get in touch with the Indiana State Liaison Officer for this program to assure that full consideration is given to the Vanderburgh County Court House when funds become available. He is the Director, Department of Natural Resources, State of Indiana, Indianapolis, Indiana 42604.

We appreciate your interest in historic preservation, and we wish you the utmost possible success in your efforts to preserve the Vanderburgh County Court House.

Sincerely yours, .

(sgd) Stewart L. Udall.

Secretary of the Interior

Mr. Alexander L. Leich
President
The Conrad Baker Foundation Inc.
Court Building, Suite 502
Evansville, Indiana 47708

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REMARKS:



The CONRAD BAKER FOUNDATION Inc.

Court Building Suite 502

Evansville Indiana 47708



April 21, 1929

The Honorable George Romney, Executive Director
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Romney:

We have been advised by the National Trust for Historic Preservation that under certain conditions there are 3% loans available for purposes of renewal of historic buildings, particularly in an Urban Renewal Area, as Evansville is.

The Conrad Baker Foundation was formed to preserve our magnificent baroque period Vanderburgh County Court House and convert it to useful purposes after local county government moves to a new building in July.

We have several possible tenants who have expressed interest, including our local Educational Television station which serves 17 counties in Southern Indiana and which would use the entire third floor. A technical training school has shown interest in the entire ground floor.

We would appreciate very much any information which your office could give us concerning the loans referred to above and what criteria are applied in granting them. Our State Senator, Robert D. Orr, suggested that we write to you about this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Alexander L. Leich
Alexander L. Leich
President

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
RENEWAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20410

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MAY 7 1969
IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. Alexander L. Leich
President
The Conrad Baker Foundation Inc.
Court Building Suite 502
Evansville, Indiana 47708

Dear Mr. Leich:

This is in reply to your letter of April 21, 1969, concerning the preservation of the Vanderburgh County Court House in Evansville, Indiana.

According to our Regional Office in Chicago, which has the responsibility for administering the Department's programs in Indiana, the city hall building is not within an approved urban renewal area, but is rather within the proposed Neighborhood Development Program for Evansville.

The 3 per cent loans to which you referred are available for rehabilitation of structures within an approved urban renewal area, but due to the extreme shortage of funds, most of these are limited to residential structures.

In addition, for historic structures which qualify, project funds may be used for actual restoration work.

Since this project is still in the preliminary stage, you should work directly with the Local Public Agency. Mr. Raymond A. Andersen is Executive Secretary, Evansville Redevelopment Commission, 4 N. W. 2nd Street in the Midwest Federal Building, Evansville, Indiana 47708.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to Mr. Andersen and also to our Regional Office. For further reference, specific inquiries may be addressed to Mr. Francis D. Fisher, Regional Administrator, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 360 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Renewal Assistance

cc: Russell Kuene, National Park Service

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Hon. Vance Hartke
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Hartke:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Indiana and have been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senator Birch Bayh and the appropriate Representatives have also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Mr. John R. Lloyd, Director, Department of Natural Resources, State of Indiana, 615 State Office Building, Indianapolis, Indiana 42604, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Director

Enclosures

Entered in the National Register

9/4/20

cc:

Mr. John R. Lloyd, Director, Department of Natural Resources, State of Indiana, 615 State Office Building, Indianapolis, Indiana 42604

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615 State Office Building
Indianapolis, Indiana 42604

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Sincerely yours,

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

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Hon. Roger H. Zion
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Zion:

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Sincerely yours,

(SGD) GEORGE B. HARTZOG, JR.

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Mr. John R. Lloyd
Director
Department of Natural Resources
State of Indiana
615 State Office Building
Indianapolis, Indiana 42604

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

We are pleased to inform you that the Former Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Residence in Evansville, Indiana, has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Vance Hartke and Birch Bayh and Representative Roger H. Zion have also been notified. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

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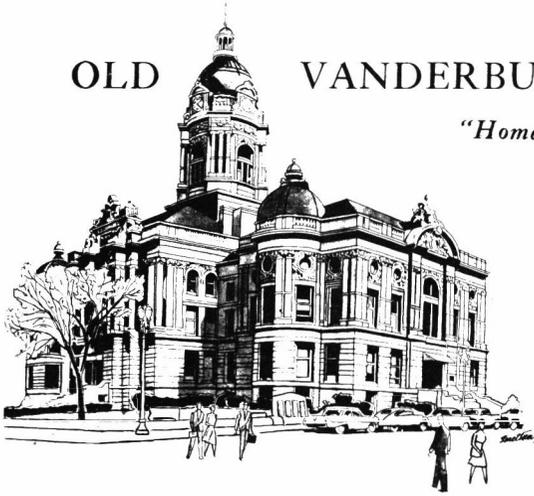
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OLD VANDERBURGH COUNTY COURT HOUSE

"Home of the Conrad Baker Cultural Center"



THE CONRAD BAKER FOUNDATION
Old Vanderburgh County Court House
Evansville, Indiana 47708

Telephone 423-3361

April 4, 1972

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
U. S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
801 19th Street N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Sir:

We have just seen a copy of the preliminary edition of the Historic American Buildings Survey Catalog for Indiana and are disappointed not to find listed the old Vanderburgh County Court House and Sheriff's Residence in Evansville for which we filed papers approved by the Indiana Historic Resource Committee on July 13, 1970 and forwarded to your office on August 3, 1970.

Governor Whitcomb of Indiana made a public announcement to the news media near the end of September, 1970 that our buildings had been accepted for the National Register. We would appreciate very much your verification that this information was correct. We are writing to you directly since Mr. H. Roll Mc Laughlin, who was our Liason Officer, is out of the country until April 17.

We have also been informed that the former Evansville Post Office and Federal Building was accepted for the National Register in February of this year. That building is likewise not mentioned in the preliminary edition referred to above.

We would indeed be most grateful to you for a check into these matters.

Sincerely,

Alexander L. Reich
Treasurer and Director

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APR 17 1972

Mr. Alexander L. Leich
Treasurer and Director
The Conrad Baker Foundation
Old Vanderburgh County Court House
Evansville, Indiana 47708

Dear Mr. Leich:

This letter is written in response to your inquiry of April 4 concerning the preliminary edition of the Historic American Buildings and those properties in Evansville, Indiana listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Historic American Buildings Survey and the National Register of Historic Places are two distinct programs within the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation. Properties listed in the National Register are not necessarily listed in the Historic American Buildings Survey catalogue.

The three properties mentioned in your letter are entered in the National Register of Historic Places and are listed in the enclosed March 15 issue of the Federal Register. Monthly additions to the National Register are published in the Federal Register as supplements the first Tuesday of every month. You may consult future additions to the National Register at any major library designated as a Federal repository or by subscribing to the Federal Register, available through the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 20240.

The Historic American Buildings Survey was established in 1933 to compile a graphic (architectural drawings and photographs) record of historic buildings throughout the nation. Unlike nominations to the National Register which are submitted to

our office through a State Liaison Officer, the Historic American Buildings Survey staff conducts an independent survey of historic structures. That explains why the Vanderburgh County Court House and Sheriff's Residence, and the Evansville Post Offices are not listed in the preliminary Historic American Buildings Survey catalogue. Although the buildings are listed in the National Register, they have not yet been surveyed and catalogued by the Historic American Buildings Survey.

Enclosed are brochures which explain the differences between the two programs in greater detail. If we may be of any further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,



Sally A. Marusin
Writer-Editor

Enclosures

cc:

Mr. John R. Lloyd, Director, Department of Natural Resources,
State of Indiana, 615 State Office Building, Indianapolis,
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Advisory Council on
Historic Preservation
1522 K Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the city of Evansville, Indiana, pursuant to Environmental Review procedures governing the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, proposes to undertake Phase II of its Preservation and Adaptive Reuse Plan for the Old U.S. Post Office, Courthouse, and Customhouse using Community Development Block Grant funds; and,

WHEREAS, the city of Evansville, Indiana, in consultation with the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer, has determined that this undertaking as proposed would have an adverse effect upon the Old U.S. Post Office, Courthouse, and Customhouse, a property included in the National Register of Historic Places; and,

WHEREAS, the city of Evansville acting as lead agency for the Economic Development Administration and the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service which are cooperatively funding the above undertaking; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320), the city of Evansville, Indiana, has requested the comments of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the procedures of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (36 CFR Part 800), representatives of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the city of Evansville, the Economic Development Administration, and the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, and the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer have consulted and reviewed the undertaking to consider feasible and prudent alternatives to avoid or satisfactorily mitigate the adverse effect; now,

THEREFORE

It is mutually agreed that implementation of the undertaking in accordance with the following stipulations and the attached plans for Phase II of the undertaking of March 1978, from Edmund L. Hafer, Architect, city of Evansville, Indiana, will satisfactorily mitigate the adverse effect on the above-mentioned property.

Stipulations

1. The city of Evansville will execute the proposed alterations in accordance with the plans submitted to the Council on April 12, 1978 (Attachment #1). Should any modifications to these plans be necessary the city of Evansville will submit the new proposal to the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for review and approval prior to construction.

Page Two
Memorandum of Agreement
Evansville, Indiana
Old Post Office, Courthouse, and
Customhouse

2. Prior to the alteration of the interior of the Old U.S. Post Office, Courthouse, and Customhouse, the city of Evansville will record those portions of the interior to be affected so that there will be a permanent record of its existence. The city of Evansville will first contact the Historic American Buildings Survey (Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240, 202-523-5474) to determine the level of documentation required. All documentation must be accepted by HABS prior to initiation of the alteration. The city of Evansville will also provide copies of this documentation to the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer.
3. Within 90 days following the completion of Phase II of the city's preservation and adaptive reuse plan, the city of Evansville will inform the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places in writing of the alteration to the Old U.S. Post Office, Courthouse, and Customhouse so that modification can be made to the nomination form for the buildings listing in the National Register of Historic Places as deemed appropriate by the Keeper.

Robert H. Terry (date) 9/25/78
Deputy Executive Director
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Russell G. Lloyd (date) 10/11/78
City of Evansville

Joseph M. Wood (date) 11/9-78
Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

Richard W. Jantke (date) 12/5/78
Chairman
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

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1522 K Street NW.
Washington D.C.
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Honorable Russell G. Lloyd
Mayor of Evansville
Civic Center, P.O. Box 3938
Evansville, Indiana 47737

Attn: Mr. Douglas Stern

Dear Mayor Lloyd:

The Memorandum of Agreement for Phase II of the Preservation and Adaptive Reuse Plan affecting the Old Post Office, Courthouse, and Customhouse in Evansville, Indiana, has been approved by the Chairman of the Council. This document constitutes the comments of the Council as required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320) and completes the "Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). A copy of the Agreement is enclosed.

A copy of this Memorandum of Agreement should be included in any environmental assessment or statement prepared for this undertaking in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and should be retained in your records as evidence of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The Council appreciates your cooperation in reaching a satisfactory solution to the issues raised in this matter.

Sincerely,


Myra F. Harrison
Assistant Director
Office of Review and Compliance

Enclosure

TELEPHONE REPORT

DATE

15 September 83

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EVANSVILLE Post Office - NATIONAL

Former VANDENBURGH COUNTY Sheriff's Residence - LOCAL

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

Nancy Silver

TITLE

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