

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <u>Indiana</u>	
COUNTY: <u>Vanderburgh</u>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER <u>70.10.13.0004</u>	DATE <u>10/6/70</u>

1. NAME	
COMMON: <u>Former Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Residence</u>	
AND/OR HISTORIC: <u>Same as above</u>	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Fourth Street between Vine and Court, opposite Court House</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Evansville</u>			
STATE <u>Indiana</u>	CODE <u>13</u>	COUNTY: <u>Vanderburgh</u>	CODE <u>163</u>

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Site ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☒ Public* ☐ Private ☐ Both <u>*Leased to Foundation</u>	☐ Occupied ☒ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☒ No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
☐ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment	☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum	☐ Park ☐ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific	☐ Transportation ☐ Other (Specify) ☒ Comments <u>Vacant at present</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNER'S NAME: <u>Vanderburgh County Commissioners</u>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Court House, Civic Complex, 8th and Main Streets</u>	
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Evansville</u>	STATE: <u>Indiana</u>
	CODE <u>13</u>

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <u>Same as above</u>	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:
	CODE <u>13</u>

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY: <u>No known existing survey</u>	
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 former Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Residence located in front of the former County Jail and directly opposite the west side of the Vanderburgh County Court House is built of rusticated blocks of Indiana limestone. It was built to resemble a feudal castle and was obviously influenced in its design by Schloss Lichtenstein near Reutlingen in the State of Baden-Württemberg, West Germany.

It has a central round tower or "keep", crenelated roof lines, step gables, turrets and portcullises to give it a castle-like appearance. There is little which can deteriorate about the exterior except the wooden window frames, which need paint.

The interior has not been heated since the Sheriff moved out in the late summer of 1969, resulting in minor damage from peeling of paint from the walls. There is a roof leak in the north-east corner of the building, which has damaged the plaster in the ceiling of the bedroom directly beneath. Otherwise the interior is in good repair, although a complete re-painting and re-decorating would be indicated to make it attractive enough to serve for other purposes.

The first floor has three rooms measuring respectively 15 x 16 feet, 15 x 20 feet and 16 x 18 feet. The entrance and stair hall measure 6 x 30 feet, the portion not occupied by the stairs widening to 8 feet. There are also a small kitchenette and powder room on this floor.

The second floor likewise has three rooms of similar size to those downstairs, plus a bathroom and closet space. There is a full basement, formerly used as a kitchen for the Jail.

Thought is being given to interesting a club or organization to use the former Residence as a meeting place or club house. Other suggestions for its use have been as a children's museum or a museum of Civil War history.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ Pre-Columbian | ☐ 16th Century | ☐ 18th Century | ☐ 20th Century |
| ☐ 15th Century | ☐ 17th Century | ☒ 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Completed in 1891

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| ☐ Aboriginal | ☐ Education | ☐ Political |
| ☐ Prehistoric | ☐ Engineering | ☐ Religion/Philosophy |
| ☐ Historic | ☐ Industry | ☐ Science |
| ☐ Agriculture | ☐ Invention | ☐ Sculpture |
| ☒ Architecture | ☐ Landscape | ☐ Social/Humanitarian |
| ☐ Art | ☐ Architecture | ☐ Theater |
| ☐ Commerce | ☐ Literature | ☐ Transportation |
| ☐ Communications | ☐ Military | |
| ☐ Conservation | ☐ Music | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Residence housed the incumbent Sheriff and his family from 1891 until 1969, when the new City-County complex was completed and the former County Court House, Annex and Jail were abandoned and rented to the Conrad Baker Foundation, a group organized for Historic Preservation in the community.

The significance of the Sheriff's Residence would be as a period piece of quaint "Bastille" type architecture such as the 19th Century conceived to be appropriate for the housing of offenders against society in grim, dungeon-like surroundings.

The Residence is connected with the Court House across Fourth Street by a tunnel, through which prisoners were formerly taken to trial.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

"The Evansville Story" by Dr. James E. Morlock 1956
Professorat 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 A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0 0 0	0 0 0	37	58	23
NE	0 0 0	0 0 0	87	34	23
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0			
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: City Lot 75 x 40 Feet

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Indiana	13	Vanderburgh	163
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
No overlapping			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Alexander L. Leich, President
ORGANIZATION: Conrad Baker Foundation
STREET AND NUMBER: Old Vanderburgh County Court House
CITY OR TOWN: Evansville
STATE: Indiana
DATE: June 29, 1970
CODE: 13

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 ☒

Name

Title

Date

John R. Blaylock
Dir of Nat Resources
8-3-70

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

OCT 6 1970

Date

ATTEST:

William J. Kautsky
Keeper of The National Register

Date

AUG 20 1970

NO 67M
14L

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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

1. HISTORIC NAME
2. OWNERSHIP: ☒ PUBLIC ☐ PRIVATE
NAME VANDERBURGH COUNTY
ADDRESS _____

3. LOCATION NOTES DONATION ENCL. LOTS 171

4. VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY: ☒ YES ☐ NO

5. USE
PRESENT PAST
Residential (sing.) ☐ ☐
Residential (mult.) ☐ ☐
Commerce ☐ ☐
Industrial ☐ ☐
Agriculture ☐ ☐
Transportation ☐ ☐
Organization ☐ ☐
Military ☐ ☐
Political ☐ ☐
Unknown ☐ ☐
Vacant ☐ ☐
Other JAIL ☒ ☐

6. CATEGORY
DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
STRUCTURE
SITE
OBJECT

7. ACCESSIBLE
YES/RESTRICTED
YES/UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

8. ENDANGERED
☒ NO
YES/BY WHAT _____

9. DATE 1891
10. ARCHITECT/BUILDER
HENRY WOLTERS,
LOUISVILLE

11. PERIODS: PREHISTORIC 17TH/18TH CEN. 1800-1850 ☒ 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
Federal
Greek Revival
☒ Gothic Revival
Italianate
Second Empire
Stick Style/Eastlake
Queen Anne
Romanesque Revival
Colonial Revival
Neo-Classical
Bungalow
Vernacular
Other (Specify) _____

14. CONDITION
EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☒ FAIR
DETERIORATED
RUINS
UNEXPOSED

15. ALTERATIONS
☒ UNALTERED
MINOR
MAJOR

16. SITE INTEGRITY
☒ ORIGINAL SITE
MOVED DATE _____

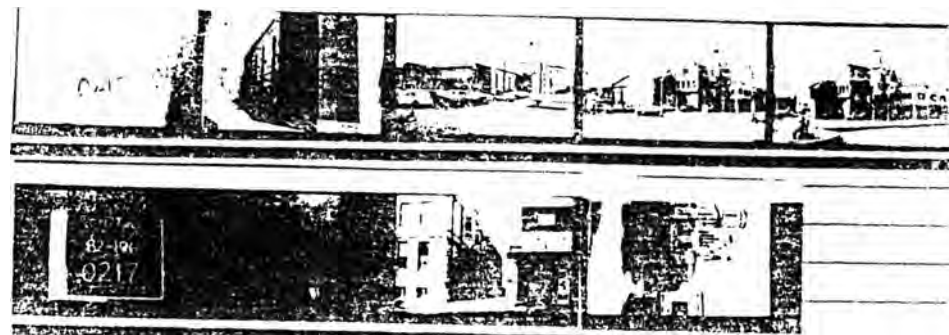
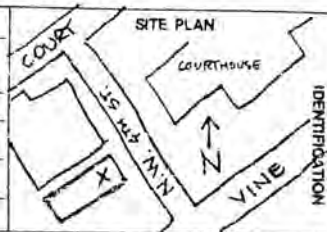
17. OUTBUILDINGS/SECONDARY STRUCTURES
☒ NO
YES

18. IN ESTABLISHED HISTORIC DISTRICT
☒ NO
YES/NAME _____

19. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT (NATURAL AND MAN-MADE) DOWNTOWN, ACROSS FROM
OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND COLISEUM.

20. INFORMATION SOURCES TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

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



10. _____
11. ENTIRE BUILDING IS RUSTICATED LIMESTONE. SHERIFF'S
HOUSE IS RANDOM ASHLAR, WHEREAS JAIL IS MORE MASSIVE.
12. BLOCKS OF COURSED ASHLAR.
13. SHERIFF'S HOUSE RESEMBLES A CASTLE OR FORTRESS, 2 1/2
STORIES WITH ABOVE-GRADE BASEMENT. PLAN IS L-SHAPED
WITH OPEN ENTRANCE PORCH IN CROTCH OF "L" ON FIRST
FLOOR. PORCH FEATURES SQUARE PILLARS WITH ORNATE
CAPITALS, SUPPORTING TUDOR ARCHES WITH FALSE PORT-
COLLISES. STONE RAILING RUNG BETWEEN PILLARS, AND IS
REPEATED ON PORCH ROOF. ABOVE PORCH IS A 3-STORY
ROUND TOWER THAT EXTENDS ABOVE ROOFLINE.
SLATE ROOF IS GABLED WITH STEPPED PARAPETS AT GABLE
ENDS. PARAPETS, TOWER, EAVES AND CORNER TOURELLES
ARE CASTELLATED. WINDOWS ARE DOUBLEHUNG. THOSE
IN TOWER AND GABLES ARE NARROW SLITS.
THE JAIL IS ATTACHED TO THE REAR OF THE HOUSE
AND IS ALSO GABLED, ALTHOUGH IT IS PLAIN IN COMPARI-
SON TO THE HOUSE. ITS SCALE IS MORE MASSIVE,
WITH LARGER BLOCKS OF STONE AND TALLER WINDOWS
THAT ARE BARRED. ADDITIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO
THE JAIL.
14. NAT'L REG. 6 OCT 1970; only sheriff's
residence however.

Vanderburgh, Co,
 Former Vanderburgh County
 Sheriff's Residence

70.10.13.0004
 REGISTER NUMBER

10/6/70

10/26/70

	YES	NO	NUMBER
DATA PAGE	✓		2
PHOTO (S)	✓		
PHOTODESCRIPTION (S)	✓		
MAP (S)	✓		1
MAP DESCRIPTION (S)	✓		
LOGGED	✓		
ACKNOWLEDGE			

PERMIT

REVIEW OK.

5. M.

8/5/70.

HISTORIAN

OK

Gamble
 8/12/70

HISTORIAN

OK

Lery
 8/14/70

ARCHITECT

OK

Chambers
 8/12/70

ASST. KEEPER

REVIEW

OK

Cyph
 8/20/70

ENTRY

CHIEF, OAHF

OK

10-6

EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR

OK
 ED 8/19/70

Federal Register Entry

11/3/70

Annual Edition Entry

Logged

Gain

WORKING NUMBER 8.5.70-2

COMMENTS:





DOWNTOWN EVANSVILLE RESOURCES

Vanderburgh County, Indiana

N. Long, DMD 1977 *ad county Jail*

view northwest of *+ stairs*
entrance

#34 208 N. W. Fourth Street



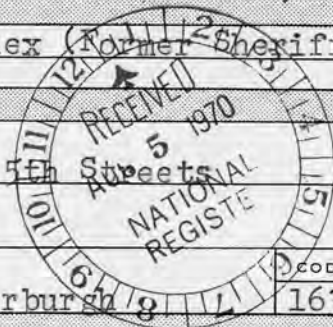
NPS Number 70-10-13-0004
Title: Old Vanderburgh County
Courthouse Complex
Loc. Vanderburgh Co
front view

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

STATE Indiana	
COUNTY Vanderburgh	
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME		
COMMON: Old Vanderburgh County Courthouse Complex (Former Sheriff's Residence)		
AND/OR HISTORIC:		
2. LOCATION		
STREET AND NUMBER: City block bounded by Vine, 4th, Court and 5th Streets		
CITY OR TOWN: Evansville, Indiana		
STATE:	CODE 13	COUNTY: Vanderburgh
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT: Alexander L. Leich		
DATE OF PHOTO: February 1970		
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Conrad Baker Foundation, Old Vanderburgh County Courthouse		
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Former Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Residence East Front view. ①		



NPS Number 70 10 13. 0004

Title: Old Vanderburgh Co Courthouse
Complex

Loc. Vanderburgh Co.

View from SE

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RECEIVED AUG 11 1970 NATIONAL REGISTER			

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1. NAME			
COMMON: <u>Old Vanderburgh County Courthouse Complex</u>			
AND/OR HISTORIC: <u>Sheriff's Residence</u>			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
<u>City block bounded by Vine, 4th, Court and 3th Streets</u>			
CITY OR TOWN:			
<u>Evansville</u>			
STATE:		CODE	COUNTY:
<u>Indiana</u>		<u>13</u>	<u>Vanderburgh</u>
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: <u>Alexander L. Leich</u>			
DATE OF PHOTO: <u>February 1970</u>			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
<u>Conrad Baker Foundation, Old Vanderburgh County Courthouse</u>			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
<u>View from Southeast of Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Residence, occupied by all Sheriffs from 1891 until 1969.</u>			

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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COUNTY Vanderburgh	
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1. NAME

COMMON: Former Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Residence
AND/OR HISTORIC: Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

14th Street opposite west side of Vanderburgh County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:

Evansville

STATE:

Indiana

CODE

13

COUNTY:

Vanderburgh

CODE

163

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

Vanderburgh County Surveyor's Office

SCALE: 1" = 40' - 0"

DATE: November 1969

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

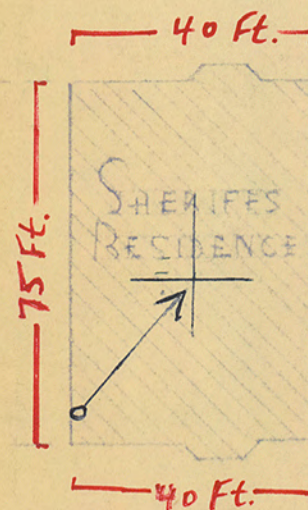


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COURT STREET

THIRD STREET

FOURTH STREET



Latitude

37° 58' 23"

Longitude

87° 34' 23"

COURT HOUSE

NORTH

SCALE 1" = 40'-0"



VINE STREET

Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Residence



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
608 State Office Building

46204

August 3, 1970

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
United States Dept. of Interior
National Park Service
801 19th Street Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed please find the completed nomination forms on the following.

1. The old Allison mansion.
2. Saint Joseph's Courthouse. ^{3. B}
3. The old Vanderburgh Co. Courthouse and Jail (Sherrifs ^{3. B} residence).

The above nomination forms were approved at a meeting of the Historic Resource Committee on July 13, 1970.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John R. Lloyd".

John R. Lloyd
Director
Department of Natural Resources

JRL/SDD:ph

Enclosure

cc: H. Roll McLaughlin, F.A.I.A.

H30-HR

OCT 6 1970

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,

/S/ Ernest Allen Connally

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

Entered in the National Register

OCT 6 1970

cc:

HR

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BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

H30-ER

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

OCT 14 1970

Dear Mr. Zion:

We are pleased to inform you that the Former Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Residence in Evansville, Indiana, has been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Indiana and has been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Vance Hartke and Birch Bayh 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

Enclosure

OCT 6 1970

Entered in the National Register

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State of Indiana, 615 State Office Building, Indianapolis,
Indiana 42604

Director, Northeast Region

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LL: Mr. Melvin
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OCT 14 1970

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United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

(SGD) GEORGE B. HARTZOG, JR.

Director

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State of Indiana, 615 State Office Building, Indianapolis,
Indiana 46204

Duplicate letters sent to: Hon. Birch Bayh Hon. Roger H. Zion
United States Senate House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. Washington, D. C.

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10/1/70

HR

Director, Northeast Region
LL: Mr. Melvin
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

TELEPHONE REPORT

DATE 15 September 83
TIME OF CALL 3:00 PM

1. CALL ☐ TO; ☐ FROM (Name)

To Nancy Long

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Level of Significance of 5 Indiana nominations

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

JEFFERSON Co.
INDIANA

MADISON HISTORIC DISTRICT - STATE

KNOX Co.

George Rogers Clark National Historical Park - NATIONAL

VANDENBURGH Co.

OLD VANDERBURGH COUNTY COURTHOUSE - LOCAL

EVANSVILLE POST OFFICE - NATIONAL

FORMER VANDENBURGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S RESIDENCE - LOCAL

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

MARCY SILVER

TITLE

INTERN

OFFICE

NRHP