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

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<th>1. HISTORIC NAME</th>
<th>MORRIS PLAIN/CENTRAL UNION BANK</th>
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<td>2. OWNERSHIP:</td>
<td>PUBLIC/PRIVATE</td>
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<td>3. LOCATION NOTES</td>
<td>DONATION ENL., SUB. OF 177, LOTS</td>
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<td>4. VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY:</td>
<td>X YES/NO</td>
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<td>5. USE</td>
<td>RESIDENTIAL (BUNG.)</td>
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<td>6. CATEGORY</td>
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<td>7. ACCESSIBLE</td>
<td>X YES/RESTRICTED</td>
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<td>8. ENDANGERED</td>
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<td>9. DATE 1929-30</td>
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<td>10. ARCHITECT/BUILDER</td>
<td>MCGUIRE &amp; SHOOK</td>
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<td>11. PERIODS:</td>
<td>PREHISTORIC 17TH/18TH GEN. 1800-1860</td>
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<td>14. CONDITION</td>
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<td>15. ALTERATIONS</td>
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<td>16. SITE INTEGRITY</td>
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<td>17. OUTBUILDINGS/SECONDARY STRUCTURES</td>
<td>X NO</td>
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<td>18. IN ESTABLISHED HISTORIC DISTRICT</td>
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DESCRIPTION

TEN STORY BUILDING WAS ORIGINALLY CENTRAL UNION BANK; NOW OCCUPIED BY 50 INDIANA GAS & ELECTRIC CO. AND OTHER OFFICES, SINCE 1938.

FACED WITH GRANITE AT THE FOUNDATION LEVEL, FIRST 2 STORIES ARE OF INDIANA LIMESTONE. REMAINING STORIES ARE BUFF-COLORED BRICK VERTICALITY IS EMPHASIZED BY FERS THAT ARE CONTINUOUS FROM THE SECOND FLOOR LEVEL TO THE TOP, WHERE THEY END IN A LIMESTONE PARAPET. A STEPPED OR SET-BACK DESIGN ON EACH FERS, AND FLAT, LOW-RELIEF ORNAMENTATION CHARACTERISTIC OF THE ART DECO STYLE.

DOUBLE-HUNG WINDOWS ARE SEPARATED AT EACH FLOOR LEVEL BY ALUMINUM SPANDRELS FEATURING A ZIP-ZAG DESIGN. OTHER ART DECO MOTIFS APPEARING IN BOTH STONE & METAL ARE SUNRISE AND FLORAL PATTERNS, CHEVRONS, STEPPED WINDOW HEADS, AND WAVES.

IN THE FOURTH ST. & SYCAMORE ST. ENTRANCE EMPLOY METAL GILLWORK AND ARE FLANNED BY OCTAGONAL LIGHT FIXTURES.

INTERIOR OF LOBBY & BANKING ROOMS WAS ORIGINALLY DONE BY OHMER, INC. OF DAYTON, OHIO. MODERNISTIC STYLE IS CARRIED OUT IN MARBLE & BRASS, PLASTER MOLDING, LIGHT FIXTURES, BANKING ROOM RESTORED 1978.
A. NAME  Hulman Building  
B. ADDRESS  20 NW Fourth Street  
C. NUMBER  82-196-0235  
D. UTM References  1,6 | 4,4,9|7,6,0 | 4,2|0,2|6,9,0  

E. Architectural drawings for the building indicate that it was constructed for the Morris Plan and the Central Union Bank. While the thrift institution survives, the bank was apparently a victim of the 1929 Crash, an event which unfortunately coincided with the untimely erection of this skyscraper in 1929-30. The Hulman Company, a prominent Indiana name, acquired the building afterward, and it eventually became the home of the local utility company.

The building was erected according to the plans of the well-known Indianapolis firm of McGuire and Shook. Hailed as Evansville's first tall building of the Modern Movement, the Hulman Building is noteworthy for its fine Art Deco ornament and its elegant, soaring quality. Its current owners have undertaken a recent restoration of the main banking room and plan further sympathetic renovations.

F. INFORMATION SOURCES  Architectural Renderings and Photographs in the possession of the Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Company. City Directories.

G. PREPARED BY  Douglas L. Stern  
H. DATE  22 December 1981
Property: Morris Plan Central Union Bank
State, County: IN VANDERBURGH

Federal Agency:

- 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 sheet

Nomination returned for: ___ technical corrections cited below
___ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification
Category Ownership Status Present Use
Public Acquiation 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: ___ excellent ___ deteriorated ___ original site
___ good ___ altered ___ moved ___ date
___ fair ___ unaltered

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

summary paragraph
completeness
clarity
alterations/integrity
dates
boundary selection
8. Significance

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

- Graphic methodology of nominated property
- Quadrangle name
- UTM 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 Hulman Building

#3/: view southwest of
20 N.W. Fourth Street
Please refer to the map in the Multiple Property Cover Sheet for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000186