**1. NAME**

**COMMON:**
Willard Library

**AND/OR HISTORICAL:**
Willard Library of Evansville, Indiana

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**2. LOCATION**

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
21 First Avenue

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Evansville

**STATE:**
Indiana

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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY (Check One):**
- District
- Site
- Object
- Building
- Structure
- Site
- Object

**OWNERSHIP:**
- Public
- Private
- Both

**STATUS:**
- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Preservation work in progress

**PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate):**
- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Religious
- Scientific
- Park
- Private Residence
- Museum
- Transportation
- Other (Specify)
- Library

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**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

**OWNER'S NAME:**
The Willard Library of Evansville, Indiana

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
21 First Avenue

**CITY OR TOWN:**
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**STATE:**
Indiana

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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:**
Vanderburgh County Recorder's office and Pigeon Township Assessor's Office

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
Civic Center

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Evansville

**STATE:**
Indiana

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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

**TITLE OF SURVEY:**
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

**DATE OF SURVEY:**
1970

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
801 19th Street N.W.

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Washington

**STATE:**
D. C.

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**SEEN INSTRUCTIONS**

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The past and present appearance of Willard Library which are the same are most accurately described by Howard Wooden in his book Architectural Heritage of Evansville. The structure contains almost all of the characteristic features of the Victorian Gothic including a tall stately tower, moded roof with heavy dormer windows, cornice turrets, window arcades supported by modified Moorish or Byzantine columns, surface color-contrast and surface ornamentation especially beneath the window arches in the form of large rosettes. The placement of the tower to one side of the building achieved the intended asymmetry so characteristic of much of the 19th Century revival movement. Just as the exterior of Victorian Gothic construction is marked by the use of heavy forms, so on the inside one finds considerable attention given to heavy woodwork. The main doors show the Victorian architect's interest in heavy carving, as does the staircase and other woodwork. The floor of the main reading room is of multi-colored tile in geometric designs.

The building is constructed of red brick with limestone used for contrast. The original dated hardware is still in use throughout the building. Shutters original to the building are in use on the first floor. Two original fireplaces are still in use. On the second floor there are round stained glass windows, capping the arched windows, which depict literary personages and one of Willard Carpenter.

The building is situated in a four and a half acre park maintained for public use.
This Victorian Gothic library is significant for several reasons. It is a building in mint condition designed by the eminent architect James W. Reid, who lived in Evansville before he moved to the West Coast where he designed such buildings as the Del Coronada Hotel, and since its completion in 1884 it has remained unchanged both inside and out except for the conversion of two rooms of the basement for a children's library.

The massive brass hardware, dated 1883, is still in use throughout the building. The fine tile floors, in geometric designs, have been preserved as have the original coal burning fireplaces and their mantles.

The ornately carved woodwork, even to the heavily carved front doors, has been preserved in its original appearance. Some of the Carpenter furniture is still in use.

The purpose of the building and land has not been changed since the land was transmitted to the trustees in 1876. Willard Carpenter wrote then, "I have concluded, without further delay, to establish and endow a Public Library, to be located in a public park on land owned by me, situated in the City of Evansville... in the hope that such an institution may become useful toward the improvement of the moral and intellectual culture of the inhabitants of Evansville, and collaterally to those of the State of Indiana; and also toward the enlargement and diffusion of a taste for the fine arts."

He specifically directed that the Library be for "the use of people of all classes, races and sexes, free of charge forever" and have a reading room, be both a reference and circulating library and maintain a research and art library. All the directives have been carried out, even to the maintenance of a public park on the 4.50 acres belonging to the Library.

The Willard Library is situated in the old part of Evansville bordering on the commercial center of the city and within walking distance of the old Courthouse (The Conrad Baker Foundation) and the
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Willard Library "Statement of Trustees 1915"

Esary, Logan, History of Indiana, from Its Exploration to 1922

Also an Account of Vanderburgh County from Its Origin

Edited by John Igleheart Vol.III Dayton Historical Publishing Co.,

Dayton, Ohio 1922

Wooden, Howard E. Architectural Heritage of Evansville

Published by the Evansville Museum of Arts and Sciences

Brant and Fuller History of Vanderburgh County, Indiana

"The Evansville Turner" Vol. 23 No. 5; May 1953

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4.5 acres

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. James B. Igleheart, Secretary of the Board of Trustees

ORGANIZATION: The Willard Library of Evansville

STREET AND NUMBER: 21 First Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Evansville

STATE: Indiana

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 [x] State [ ] Local [ ]

Name: John R. Igleheart

Title: Director

Date: 5-8-72

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

ATTEST: William Tunnell

Keeper of the National Register

Date: 9-28-72
old Post Office which is now listed on the National Register. It possesses the most extensive collection of primary sources; old books, many of them rare, on the history of southern Indiana. It has a fine rare book collection as well as very extensive newspaper and periodical collections, and a number of books from earlier libraries of Evansville which were defunct when Willard was begun. The Library also contains the Bayard collection.

The building faces one grave danger. The imminent continuation of an expressway which at present ends at the street on which the Library faces. The widening of the street south of the Library will encroach on the Library park and endanger the building.
PROPERTY

DATE OF RECEIPT: 5/11/72

DATA PAGE

PHOTO (S) PHOTO DESCRIPTION (S) MAP (S) MAP DESCRIPTION (S) LOGGED ACKNOWLEDGE 5/11/72

REVIEW

HISTORIAN

ARCHAEOLOGIST

ARCHITECT

ASST. KEEPER

KEEPER

WRITER/EDITOR

DIRECTOR, OAHP

EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR

Federal Registry Entry 11-2-72

Logged SEP 28 1972 Card SEP 28 1972

Congressional District: Roger H. Zeron

Working Number 5-11-72 - 692
1. NAME
COMMON: Willard Library
AND/OR HISTORIC: The Willard Library of Evansville, Indiana

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 First Avenue
CITY OR TOWN: Evansville
STATE: Indiana
COUNTY: Vanderburgh

3. PHOTO REFERENCE
PHOTO CREDIT: Randy Dieter, photographer for the Evansville Courier-Press
DATE OF PHOTO: March 15, 1972
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Willard Library

4. IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIPTIVE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Rear view taken from the Oakley Street side, facing west.

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
**Title:** Willard Library

**Location:**
- **Street and Number:** 21 First Avenue
- **City or Town:** Evansville
- **State:** Indiana

**Photo Reference:**
- **Photo Credit:** Randy Dieter, photographer for the Evansville Courier-Press
- **Date of Photo:** March 15, 1972
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**Identification:**
View of the front of the reading room showing the shutters, old checkout desk, heavy ornate oak woodwork and tile floor. Portrait on the wall is Willard Carpenter who endowed the Library. It came from the Carpenter home.
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- PHOTO CREDIT: Randy Dieter, photographer for the Evansville Courier-Press
- DATE OF PHOTO: March 15, 1972
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**4. IDENTIFICATION:**

Describe view, direction, etc.

- The main reading room taken from the west end of the building facing east. On the east wall is a very old copy of a Stuart painting which came from the Carpenter home.
**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)

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### Property Photograph Form

#### 1. NAME
- **Common:** Willard Library
- **And/or Historic:** The Willard Library of Evansville, Indiana

#### 2. LOCATION
- **Street and Number:** 21 First Avenue
- **City or Town:** Evansville
- **State:** Indiana
- **Code:** 18
- **County:** Vanderburgh
- **Code:** 163

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- **Photo Credit:** Randy Dieter, photographer for the Evansville Courier-Press
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#### 4. IDENTIFICATION
- **Describe View, Direction, Etc.:** View taken from the east end of the reading room, facing the west (front) side of the building. Picture shows shutters, heavy carved oak woodwork and tile floor.

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**Property of the National Register**
| 2. LOCATION | STREET AND NUMBER: 21 First Avenue CITY OR TOWN: Evansville |
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| 4. IDENTIFICATION | DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. North side of the building taken at an angle from the northwest corner of the property, looking southeast. |

**PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER**
United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
Front view of the Library, taken from First Avenue looking east toward Oakley Street.
Form 10-301

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

(July 1969)

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: Evansville Chamber of Commerce
SCALE: 1/2 Mile to 1 inch
DATE: 1960 (Creative Press), Evansville, Indiana

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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21 First Avenue

Evansville
Indiana 18 Vanderburgh 163

E. L. Hafer Condit and Fosse Architects

1 inch 100 feet

April 1, 1972
SITE PLAN
Willard Library
EVANSVILLE

This is what YOUR FACTORY LOCATING SERVICE
seeks above all:

1. A location within 800 miles of your
   manufacturing plant.

Evansville, Indiana, located in the center of a
wide manufacturing area of the Northern States,
western Pennsylvania, and the Ohio Valley
region, is a strategic location for your
manufacturing base.

2. 36 million tons of traffic move along
   U.S. 460 and Indiana 62-66 east and west;
   switching service is provided.

Evansville's major railroads form a network of
lines in the heart of America.

3. Evansville is near the center of the Nation's
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Evansville Chamber of Commerce
117 East Main Street
EVANSVILLE 7, INDIANA
Telephone Evansville 3-1347

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

AIR

Three airlines serve Evansville daily, providing
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### National Register of Historic Places

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**Map Reference: New York American, Geologic Survey**

- **Scale:** 1:24000
- **Date:** 1956

**Requirements: To be included on all maps**

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

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*Note: This form is dated May 11, 1972.*
Mr. George B. Hartzog  
Director  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hartzog:

Mrs. James B. Igleheart of Evansville, Indiana has made an inquiry on behalf of Willard Library, also in Evansville, as to its status regarding the historic landmark application.

I would greatly appreciate your advising me of the exact procedure for securing such a status, and also bringing me up to date on the action taken on behalf of the Library.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Roger H. Zion, M.C.  
Indiana's 8th District

cc: Mrs. James B. Igleheart
Hon. Roger H. Zion  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Zion:

We are pleased to acknowledge your inquiry in behalf of Mrs. James B. Igleheart concerning the Willard Library in Evansville, Indiana.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and will provide you a reply at our earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Director

FNP:MCampbell:crb:12-14-71
Hon. Roger H. Zion
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Zion:

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We appreciate your interest in the programs of the National Park Service.

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Ernest Allen Connally

Director

Enclosures

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State of Indiana
615 State Office Building
Indianapolis, Indiana 42604 w/c of inc.

Director, Northeast Region

HR

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May 8, 1972

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Room 3209
1100 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

As the State Liaison Officer for Indiana I am pleased to send you herewith the nomination forms for:

Willard Library (Vanderburgh County)
21 First Avenue
Evansville, Indiana

This nomination has been carefully discussed and reviewed at several meetings of the Indiana Professional State Consulting Committee and it is unanimously recommended.

Sincerely,

John R. Lloyd
Director
Indiana Department of Natural Resources

JRL: mfs
ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE  INDIANA

Date Entered  SEP 28 1972

Name  Location

Willard Library  Evansville
Hillard Library  Vanderburgh County

Also Notified

Hon. Vance Hartke  State Liaison Officer
Hon. Birch Bayh  Mr. John R. Lloyd
Hon. Roger H. Zion  Director, Department of Natural Resources
Director, Northeast Region  State of Indiana
HR  615 State Office Building
NRowland:mm  Indianapolis, Indiana 42604
9/29/72
Hon. Russell G. Lloyd
Mayor
City of Evansville
City Hall
Evansville, Indiana 47708

Dear Mayor Lloyd:

We have received your letter of April 17, 1978, in which you determine that the repairs to the Willard Library, Evansville, Indiana will have no adverse effect on the Willard Library, a property included in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Executive Director will not object to your determination of no adverse effect if the following additional conditions are met:

1. All work will be done in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation." (attached) In those instances where these standards cannot be met, the City of Evansville will obtain the comments of the Council in accordance with the Council's Procedures commencing with Section 800.4(e).

2. Final plans and specifications will be submitted to the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer for review and comment.

If you agree to these conditions, please sign on the concurrence line below and return this letter to us. Upon receipt we will acknowledge that the Executive Director does not object to your determination of no adverse effect. This will satisfy your responsibility pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320) and the Council's "Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 C.F.R. Part 800).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Signed

I concur:

Myra F. Harrison
Assistant Director
Office of Review and Compliance

The Council is an independent unit of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government charged by the Act of October 15, 1966 to advise the President and Congress in the field of Historic Preservation.